

ROUGE FREE WILL BAPTIST

MASTER'S MEN NEWSLETTER

MASTER'S MEN REPORT: JULY 2025

John Zubor & Roger Phillips: Directors

Happy Independence Day

The Master's Men are currently enjoying a summer break from our monthly meetings. We do look forward to resuming in September and we urge all men to come out and join us when we do. It is a wonderful time of fellowship and growth in God's word through our monthly devotion and our very thought provoking, "Question of the Month." We have had some interesting discussions with great points being made. We would love to have others join and share their thoughts.

Even though we are on hiatus we are still actively planning the Special Ladies Luncheon for later this year. We count this as one of our most wonderful events and we look forward to pampering our ladies again this year. We truly enjoy this event as much as our guests. Details will be given as they become available.

We truly thank our Lord for the growth of the youth in our church and for their amazing participation in our services. Our kids have been singing their hearts out, acting in the Drama Team and volunteering to be helpers at Camp. It is such a blessing to see our young people stepping into service. May we always offer a word of encouragement to them.

We also thank God for the adults who have stepped up to work with our kids. We are grateful for every single one, from our Sunday School Teachers, Camp Counselors, Event Organizers, Music Department and on and on. You are growing the next generation of our church and we can't express enough what this means to us or to our children. Thank you!!

We pray that everyone have a safe & Blessed Summer!!







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MASTER'S MEN **MISSION** STATEMENT

The Master's Men of the **Rouge Free Will Baptist** Church are called to lead men to a mature spiritual relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. In doing so, it is our intent to nurture Christian fellowship with each other, enrich the relationships with our families and support the ministry of the church.

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THE 88TH ANNUAL WYANDOTTE 4TH OF JULY PARADE

BEGINS &T 10:00 &.M.

PARADE ROUTE BEGINS AT CITY HALL AND ENDS AT THE

COMMUNITY CENTER.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING FOR OUR CHURCH SEE BUCK OR KIRSTEN.

(Parade is at 10am, be at the church at 8:30am! Passing out candy and sharing who we are!)





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The Motto: Walk Worthy of

Colossians 1:10-"...that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;..."

ATTENTION TRAILMEN AND FAMILIES:

Beginning in July, we will no longer have troop meetings every Friday. We will begin having meetings on the 1st & 3rd Fridays of the month. We will still have our monthly troop outings on the last Friday or Saturday of the month depending on what we schedule for the outing. Those events will be added to he calendar as we figure out what we will be doing for each outing. We will do our best to give notice as early as possible so everybody can plan for them. I have updated the calendar on TLC to reflect the troop meetings on the 1st and 3rd Fridays for the remainder of the year. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out anytime.

For more information, contact Josh Deel/Troop Master at <u>313-585-4998/jdeel2@icloud.com</u>. Or visit our Facebook page by scanning the QR code above.



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THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

COMMANDMENT III DO NOT MISUSE GOD'S NAME

The Worst Sin You Can Commit... Is there such a thing as "the worst sin"—one sin that is worse than all others? Well, there is. I am well aware that some people differ. "To God, a sin is a sin," as how it is often expressed. In this view, a person who steals a stapler from the office is committing as grievous a sin in God's eyes as a murderer. But most people intuitively, as well as biblically, understand that some sins are clearly worse than others.

We are confident that God has at least as much common sense as we do. The God of Judaism and Christianity does not equate stealing an office item with murder.

So, then, what is the worst sin? The worst sin is committing evil in God's name. How do we know? From the Third Commandment of the Ten Commandments. This is the only one of the Ten Commandments that states that God will not forgive a person who violates the commandment. What does the commandment say? It is most commonly translated as, *Do not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain. For the Lord will not hold guiltless*"—meaning "will not forgive"—whoever takes His name in vain.

Most people understandably think that the commandment forbids saying God's name for no good reason. So, something like, "God, did I have a rough day at work today!" violates the Third Commandment. Now, I would say that this is not a good habit to have in your vocabulary or your life, I am saying this is not the proper interpretation of the commandment. That interpretation presents a real problem. It would mean that whereas God could forgive the violation of any of the other commandments—dishonoring one's parents, stealing, adultery, or even committing murder—He would never forgive someone who said, "God, did I have a rough day at work today!" Let's be honest: that would render God and the Ten Commandments morally incomprehensible.

Well, as it happens, the commandment is not the problem. The problem is the translation. The Hebrew original doesn't say "Do not say," it says, "Do not carry." The Hebrew literally reads, "Do not carry the name of the Lord thy God in vain." One of the most widely used new translations of the Bible, the New International Version, or NIV, uses the word "misuse" rather than the word "take." "You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God." This is much closer to the original's intent.

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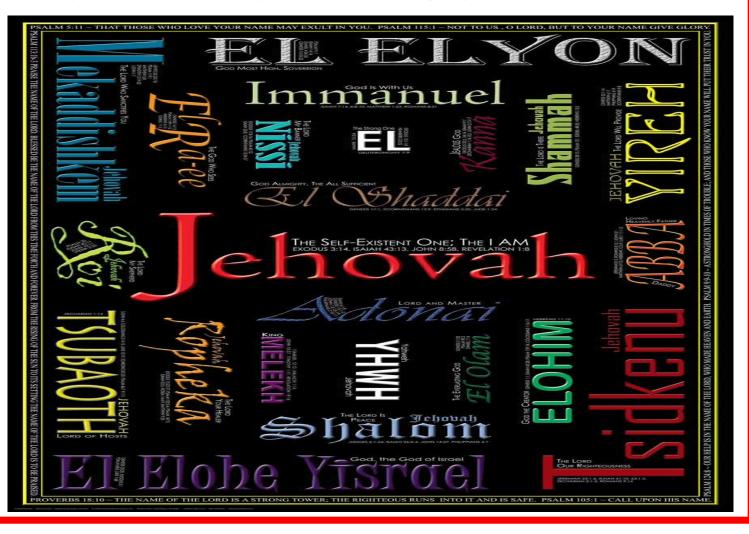
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THE TEN COMMANDMENTS CONCLUDED

What does it mean to "carry" or to "misuse" God's name? It means committing evil in God's name. And that God will not forgive. Why not? When an irreligious person commits evil, it doesn't bring God and religion into disrepute. But when religious people commit evil, especially in God's name, they are not only committing evil, but they are also doing terrible damage to the name of God.

In our time, there is an example of this. The evils committed by Islamists who torture, bomb, cut throats, and mass murder—all in the name of God—do terrible damage to the name of God. It is not coincidental that what is called the New Atheism—the immense eruption of atheist activism—followed by the 9/11 attacks on America by Islamist terrorists. In fact, the most frequent argument against God and religion concerns evil committed in God's name—whether it is done in the name of Allah today or was done in the past in the name of Christ.

People who murder in the name of God not only kill their victims, but they also kill God, too. That's why the greatest sin is religious evil. That's what the Third Commandment is there to teach, don't carry God's name in vain. If you do, God won't forgive you.



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IN LOVING MEMORY





Charlotte Rakes Modelski

Beloved mother of Eddie Rakes, Michael Modelski, Robin Hammon and Jaydee Modelski Forever cherished by her grandchildren and greatgrandchildren.

Forever missed by all who loved her...

Until we meet again.



Her absence is like the sky, spread over everything.



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The Cost of Freedom by R. Baughman

February 19, 1945, approximately 70,000 Unite States Marines landed on Iwo Jima Island, a part of the Volcano Islands in Japan. Iwo was the halfway point between Saipan and Tokyo. It was also directly under the flight path of B-29 Superfortress bombers Headed to Japan. Its location made it a crucial site of one of the bloodiest Marine actions of WWII.

Over the course of five long weeks Japanese forces had to be rooted out of caves and strongholds with an elaborate tunnel system, creating a death trap for invading Marines. The Japanese forces of approximately 18,000 soldiers mounted merciless close quarter assaults. The horrifying spectacle prompted soldiers to mark particular battles with macabre names such as "Meat Grinder," and "Bloody Gorge."

The invasion, code named "Operation Detachment," held significant strategic purposes, not the least of which was to protect the right flank for a future American invasion of Okinawa, Japan. While essential there was also a high cost to be paid.

Nearly 7,000 Marines were killed in action. Another 20,000 were wounded. Of the 18,000 Japanese soldiers only 216 were captured. The island was finally declared as secured on March 26, 1945, but at an extremely high cost.

When the first Marine troops reached the summit of Mount Suribachi on February 23, 1945 celebration erupted. A picture was taken by an Associated Press photographer and the world cheered. But the battle raged on for another twenty-eight horrific days.

A moment captured on film of six men ordered to raise a second larger flag to replace the first smaller one so that more people could see it below. Six men, six very young men captured for posterity. Three of the six, Sgt. Michael Strank aged 25, Cpl. Harlon Block aged 20, and PFC. Frank Sousley aged 19, would not live to make it off that island. Cpl. Harold Schultz aged 20, Cpl. Harold Keller aged 23 and PFC Ira Hayes aged 22, did make it home, but at their own tremendous price.

Cpl. Harold Schultz had participated in the Bouganville Campaign, where he was wounded in action. Cpl. Harold Schultz was wounded in action at Iwo. But Ira Hayes is the Marine who carried the scars and the cost the deepest.

All three survivors came home to a hero's welcome and received the Medal of Honor. They became poster boys for War bond sales, and some have said that they inspired such a fervor to buy war bonds that their faces helped win the war. The \$18.75 cost of a \$25.00 war bond was not worth the toll that Iwo took on Ira Hayes.



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The Cost of Freedom concluded

Ira Hayes was born on the Gila River Indian Reservation, in Arizona, on January 12, 1923. He was a member of the Pima Tribe. PFC. Hayes enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps on August 26, 1942 at the ripe old age of just twenty-one years and volunteered as a Paramarine. Less than a year later the man remembered by many as being, "very quiet," was raising our flag as a bloody campaign continued to rage around him.

Notoriety didn't sit well with Cpl. Hayes and neither did injustice. In May of 1946 Hayes walked and hitchhiked 1,300 miles from the Arizona Reservation to the Wesalco, Texas home of Cpl. Harlan Block's family. He had a compulsion to have his Marine brother recognized correctly as one of the six men to raise the flag at Mount Suribachi. Through the efforts of Ira Hayes and Cpl. Block's mother history became corrected. But the inner torment remained for Ira Hayes.

In 1949, Hayes briefly appeared as himself in the John Wayne movie *The Sands of Iwo Jima*. After that he became unable to hold a steady job for long periods. Ira Hayes the hero had succumbed to alcoholism. He described it this way, "I was sick. I guess I was about to crack up thinking about all my good buddies. They were better men than me and they're not coming back. Much less back to the White House like me."

In November of 1954 Hayes attended the Marine Corps War Memorial dedication in Washington where he was lauded as a hero by President Dwight D. Eisenhower. A reporter asked Hayes how he liked all the pomp and circumstance, to which Hayes, replied, "I don't." The quiet man nicknamed "Chief Falling Cloud," was falling hard and fast.

On the morning of January 24, 1955 Ira Hayes was found dead lying near an abandoned adobe. The medical examiner ruled that death was caused by exposure to the cold and alcohol poisoning. He was buried at Arlington National Cemetery with full military honor alongside other fallen heroes.

Ira Hayes has been depicted as a hero, a drunk and as possibly having PTSD. I believe Cpl. Hayes was a man doing his job for a country that he dreamed would accept him as they would any other man. I believe that the horrors of war are not easily escaped by

alcohol or fame. I believe that the norrors of war are not easily escaped by alcohol or fame. I believe that the scars combat veteran's carry run deep and should be recognized and treated by a grateful country. And I believe that after all this time, especially in the days we are living, our service men and women should be lauded for the high cost they pay each and every day to keep us free.

This Independence Day may we all stop and say a prayer for all of those who stand on their own personal mountain and raise a symbolic flag so that we don't have to. God bless them all.



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Sunday School 9:45 AM Every Sunday		1	Bro. Mike Ringel Face Book Live & In Person Bible Study. 7:00 PM	3	INDEPENDENCE DAY Parade 10AM	5	
6	7	8	Bro. Mike 9 Ringel Face Book Live & In Person Bible Study. 7:00 PM	10	11	12	
Baptism Sunday	14	15	Bro. Mike Ringel Face Book Live & In Person Bible Study. 7:00 PM	17	18	19	
6PM Service Special Singing Brian Burchfield	21	22	Bro. Mike Ringel Face Book Live & In Person Bible Study. 7:00 PM	24	25	<i>26</i>	
27	28	29	Bro. Mike 30 Ringel Face Book Live & In Person Bible Study. 7:00 PM	31		Aug. 2nd Liberty Conference at Faith	

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