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Wednesday, July 20, 2022 - Group Study

**Lesson Series: Deception Of The Heart**

Lesson Series Text: (*Jer. 17:5-10*)

**Lesson 4: Using God's Name In Vain**

Lesson 4 Text: (*Exo. 20:7*)

*All Scriptures are KJV; unless otherwise noted.*

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- I. For many, using God's name in vain is seen as using a swear word with His name.
  - A. However, we should use God's own words in scripture to help us understand His name. (*Neh. 9:5; 111:9; Eze. 36:23; Mat. 6:9*)
  - B. These scriptures and many more, should cause us to see that the Lord's name should be revered and respected.
- II. In biblical times; the name stood for the full character of a person; in all he or she was and did.
  - A. (*Pro. 22:1 - A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold.*)
  - B. (*Ecc. 7:1a - A good name is better than precious ointment.....*)
- III. The name of a person stands for their nature, character, and personality.
  - A. Nature – The qualities of a person, the disposition of a person, or the processes and functions of a person.
  - B. Character – The moral or ethical strength of a person, the attributes that distinguish a person.
  - C. Personality – The total characteristics that make up an individual.
  - D. When you say a person's name; that name represents all of who they are.
  - E. Reputation is made in a moment; character is built over a lifetime.
  - F. Reputation is what men say about you on your tombstone; character is what angels say about you before the throne of God. (William Hersey Davis)
- IV. What does the scripture mean by **vain**?
  - A. Emptiness, nothingness, falsehood, or defaming.
  - B. Emptiness of speech, lying.
  - C. Worthlessness of conduct.
- V. What happens when a person is born again?
  - A. There is a change in life style. (*2 Cor. 5:17 - This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! NLT.*)
  - B. Change in status. (*1 John 3:2 - Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.*)

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- C. Change in priorities. (*Col. 3:17 - And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.*)
- VI. If believers will not allow the Holy Spirit to change their life style, status, and priorities; they have taken the name of the Lord in vain.
- A. Once we accept Jesus as our savior, we are betrothed (engaged) to him. He gave us His name to use. If we are not faithful to Him, we use His name, we are using His name in vain. (*John 14:13; 15:16; 16:24*)
- VII. When we read the following scriptures, we will substitute “name” with nature, character and personality.

*Some [trust] in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God. (Psa. 20:7)*

*The name of the LORD [is] a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe. (Pro. 18:10)*

*For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. (Mat. 18:20)*

*For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed [is] he that cometh in the name of the Lord. (Mat. 23:39)*

*Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: (Mat. 28:19)*

*And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name. (Luke 10:17)*

*He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. (John 3:18)*

*And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do [it]. (John 14:13-14)*

*But the Comforter, [which is] the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. (John 14:26)*

*But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name. (John 20:31)*

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*And it shall come to pass, [that] whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved. (Acts 2:21)*

*Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. (Acts 2:38)*

*Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. (Acts 3:6)*

*And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all. (Acts 3:16)*

*And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. (Acts 4:18)*

*And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, [do] all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him. (Col. 3:17)*

*Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: (Jam. 5:14)*

*If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy [are ye]; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified. (1 Pet. 4:14)*

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