

**Revere the Name of God**  
**Leviticus 24:10-23**

**Main Point:**

As one who is guiltless in Christ, revere the name of God in all that you do.

1. God's name is never to be blasphemed.

**Exodus 34:5-6** 5 Now the LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. 6 And the LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, (NKJV)

**Psalm 8:1** 1 O LORD, our Lord, How excellent is Your name in all the earth, Who have set Your glory above the heavens! (NKJV)

**Allan Moseley** "The crime of the man was not merely using God's name in a curse; it was cursing God, saying something blasphemous about God or to God."

**Exodus 20:7** 7 "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold *him* guiltless who takes His name in vain. (NKJV)

**WSC 55** Q. What is forbidden in the Third Commandment? A. The Third Commandment forbiddeth all profaning or abusing anything whereby God maketh Himself known.

**John Currid** "The inclusiveness with regard to the administration of the penalty points to the truth that blaspheming will not be tolerated in Israel."

**WSC 56** Q. What is the reason annexed to the Third Commandment? The reason annexed to the Third Commandment is, That however the breakers of this commandment may escape punishment from men, yet the Lord our God will not suffer them to escape His righteous judgement.

**Leviticus 19:18** 18 You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD. (NKJV)

**Kenneth Mathews** "The law was actually designed to restrict the extent and severity of the penalty ... It was calling for impartial judges to render an equitable penalty that fit the crime ..."

**Matthew 26:64-66** 64 Jesus said to him, "*It is* as you said. Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven." 65 Then the high priest tore his clothes, saying, "He has spoken blasphemy! What further need do we have of witnesses? Look, now you have heard His blasphemy! 66 What do you think?" They answered and said, "He is deserving of death." (NKJV)

**Colossians 2:13-14** 13 And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, 14 having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. (NKJV)

**WSC 54** Q. What is required in the Third Commandment? A. The Third Commandment requireth the holy and reverent use of God's names, titles, attributes, ordinances, Word, and works.

**John Currid** "There is a great lesson for us here. The name of our God is holy and set apart, and it must be protected. His name reflects His being."

3. Though it may seem harsh, death is the just punishment for blasphemy.

4. Jesus has taken the punishment of death for His people on the cross.

5. As one who is guiltless in Him, revere the name of God in all that you do.