

Scripture: Joshua 24:14-33

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Singing:

267:1-4 – 299:1-5 – 57:2 – 166:1-2 – 362:1-3

LIVE HONORABLY OF ME

I. The importance II. The command

I. THE IMPORTANCE OF HONORING THE NAME OF THE LORD

A. God is jealous about His Name: Ex. 34:12-17; Deut. 4:23-28; 6:14-15

1. Jealousy can be sinful but also good (2 Cor. 11:2-3)

2. Jealousy reveals someone's deep love commitment

a. God reveals a commitment to His own glory: Is. 48:11

B. Are you jealous of the glory of God as seen in Rev. 4:10-11?

II. THE COMMAND NOT TO USE GOD'S NAME IN VAIN

A. The meaning of the Hebrew 'vain'

1. God commands we express His Name or reflect His Character

2. Consider: Lev. 18:21; 21:6; Ezek. 36:20; Amos 2:7; Rom 2:21-23

B. Examples of using God's name by living dishonorable

1. when we use His Name trivially – dishonorably: Is. 6:1

2. when we use His Name as a curse – swear word (Lev. 5:1)

3. when we make *false oath / break oath / lie under oath* Lev. 19:12

a. God doesn't forbid the use of oaths:

● He made them: Ps. 110:4; Ezek. 33:10

● His people vowed: Gen. 21:24; Josh 9:15, 19; Rom. 1:9

4. when we *blaspheme God's Being* – Spirit: Lev. 24:11; Matt. 21:31

5. when we *live in an unholy manner*: Ezek. 36:20; Matt. 5:13-17

Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling,
And to present you faultless
before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,
to the only wise God our Savior,
be glory and majesty, dominion and power,
both now and ever.

Amen.

Jude 24-25