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- What the third commandment meant:
 - Not using the name of God lightly.
 Exam. Matt. 7:21-23; Luke 6:46; Matt. 12:36-37
 - Not to invoke His name to confirm something false. Jer. 14:14; Deut. 18:20
 - The death penalty was applied to one who would blaspheme God's name. Lev. 24:10-16

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- Ways in which Israel blasphemed the name of God:
 - By offering their children to other god's. Lev. 18:21; 20:1-3
 - By swearing by the name of God with the intention of not fulfilling the vow.

 Lev. 19:12 cf. Matt. 5:33-37
 - By offering to God as a sacrifice that which was useless to them. Mal. 1:6-14

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- The lesson for us today:
 - Remember that we are not under any part of the law. Col. 2:14, 16-17; Rom. 7:4
 - Yet, we are commanded to have God's name as Hallowed. *Matt. 6:9*
 - We can also take the Lord's name in vain if we do not practice what God's Word says. Rom. 2:17-24; Titus 1:16; Matt. 15:8-9

