

Third Word: To speak God's name is to speak about God
(Exodus 20.7; 07-19-20am)

Main Idea: When you speak God's name, you say something about God

I. God's name speaks about God's character *name of God* says much about character of God

1. God is supreme

2. God is sovereign

God is El-Olam	Everlasting God, infinite & eternal
God is El-Elyon	Most High God, maker of heaven & earth
God is El-Shaddai	Almighty God, producer of Israel

3. God is sufficient "in vain" means "to empty out" or "be without meaning"

God is Jehovah-Shammah	He will be present for you
God is Jehovah-Jireh	He will provide for you
God is Jehovah-Shalom	He will bring you peace
God is Jehovah-Rohi	He will be your Shepherd

II. God's name speaks about His reputation *shall not take [God's] name in vain*

A. God's name must never be used in an effort to deceive

B. God's name must never be treated with disrespect

1. Blasphemy
2. Casual or careless references
3. Treated lightly in the church

III. God's name speaks about His power: to punish or to pardon *not [be held] guiltless*

A. God will punish those who reject His name

1. When misuse God's name, are rejecting His name
2. Every time you sin, in effect, you reject God's name

B. God will pardon those who accept His name

(This statement is not explicit in the third commandment, but it is implied through the hope of the gospel.)

God's way of pardon is also connected to a name – the name, Jesus

There is power in Jesus' name	(Matt 28.18; Phil 2.9; Rom 8.1)
There is promise in Jesus' name	(Acts 4.12; Jn 14.6; Rom 10.13)