

Introduction

- I. The world in which we live hates the name of God.
- II. This is why the 3rd command is so important - God gives the authoritative boundaries for the way His name is to be used in a court of law, in worship, and in everyday speech.

Honoring the Lord's Name

I. The Idea

- A. The Lord's name must be honored because the Lord's name is Who He is. We see this clearly in Exodus 3.

B. How do we respond to this name and use this name? Don't profane, but honor His name

II. The Calling

- A. The third commandment teaches us how to be holy when it comes to God's names.

B. Positively, we are called to use God's name properly.

C. An application of the third commandment is that we honor God with the oath, as we read in Matt. 5:33-37. This is part of how we use the name of God.

III. The Reason

- A. Because there is no sin greater or more provoking to God.

B. Because we are recreated in His image.

C. Because we love God and the neighbor.