

Exodus 20:7  
*Do You want Good News or Good Advice?*  
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Sermon Outline

Notes

I. Good News or Good Advice?

**Key Idea**

*Jesus is our righteousness!*

II. Israel was Taking God's Name

**Exodus 20:7**

“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.

A. The LORD's Name Revealed in the Exodus

**Exodus 6:2-3**

<sup>2</sup> God spoke to Moses and said to him, “I am the LORD. <sup>3</sup> I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as God Almighty, but by my name the LORD I did not make myself known to them. (Genesis 14:22)

B. How Israel was to Obey this Command

**Leviticus 19:9-18**

...<sup>10</sup> And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. *You shall leave them for the poor* and for the sojourner: **I am the LORD your God.**

<sup>11</sup> “You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. <sup>12</sup> You shall not swear by **my name** falsely, and so profane the name of your God: **I am the LORD.**

<sup>13</sup> “You shall not *oppress your neighbor* or rob him. ... <sup>14</sup> You shall not *curse the deaf* or *put a stumbling block before the blind*, but you shall *fear your God*: **I am the LORD.** ...

<sup>17</sup> “You shall not hate your brother in your heart... <sup>18</sup> You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against

the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: **I am the LORD.**

### III. God Will Guard His Name

#### A. The Devine Dilemma

#### **Ezekiel 36:16-21**

<sup>16</sup> The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>17</sup> “Son of man, when the house of Israel lived in their own land, they defiled it by their ways and their deeds. Their ways before me were like the uncleanness of a woman in her menstrual impurity. <sup>18</sup> ***So I poured out my wrath upon them*** for the blood that they had shed in the land, for the idols with which they had defiled it. <sup>19</sup> I scattered them among the nations, and they were dispersed through the countries. In accordance with their ways and their deeds I judged them. <sup>20</sup> **But** when they came to the nations, wherever they came, ***they profaned my holy name, in that people said of them, ‘These are the people of the LORD, and yet they had to go out of his land.’*** <sup>21</sup> **I had concern for my holy name**, which the house of Israel had profaned among the nations to which they came.

#### B. The Devine Solution

#### **Ezekiel 36:22-32**

<sup>22</sup> “Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but **for the sake of my holy name**, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. <sup>23</sup> And **I will vindicate the holiness of my great name**, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And *the nations will know that I am the LORD*, declares the **Lord GOD**, when through you **I vindicate my holiness** before their eyes. <sup>24</sup> **I will take you from the nations** and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. <sup>25</sup> **I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean**

from all your uncleannesses, and *from all your idols* I will cleanse you. <sup>26</sup> And *I will give you a new heart*, and *a new spirit* I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. <sup>27</sup> And **I will put my Spirit within you**, and *cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules*. <sup>28</sup> You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God. <sup>29</sup> And I will deliver you from all your uncleannesses. And I will summon the grain and make it abundant and lay no famine upon you. ... <sup>31</sup> Then you will remember your evil ways, and your deeds that were not good, and *you will loathe yourselves* for your iniquities and your abominations. <sup>32</sup> It is not for your sake that I will act, declares the **Lord GOD**; let that be known to you. *Be ashamed and confounded for your ways, O house of Israel*.

#### IV. Jesus Accomplishes the Name of the LORD

##### A. Jesus Takes the Name of His Father

###### **John 10:25**

Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. *The works that I do in my Father’s name* bear witness about me...

###### **John 12:27-28**

<sup>27</sup> “Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup> Father, **glorify your name**.” Then a voice came from heaven: “*I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.*”

##### B. Jesus Saves Us by His Name

###### **Matthew 28:19**

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them **in the name of the Father** and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...

## Acts 2:21, 38

<sup>21</sup> And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the **name of the Lord** shall be saved.’ ...

(Joel 2:32)

<sup>38</sup> And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you **in the name of Jesus Christ** for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

## John 1:12-13

<sup>12</sup> But to all who did receive him, who **believed in his name**, he gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

## John 20:30-31

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup> but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and **that by believing you may have life in his name**.

### C. Jesus Keeps Us in His Name

## John 17:11-12, 25-26

<sup>11</sup> And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, **keep them in your name, which you have given me**, that they may be one, even as we are one. <sup>12</sup> While I was with them, **I kept them in your name, which you have given me**. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. ...

<sup>25</sup> O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. <sup>26</sup> **I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known**, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

(Cf. Col. 3:17; 2 Thess. 1:11-12; 2 Tim. 2:19)