

Introduction

- I. The key to rightly understanding the law is an awe of God.
- II. Awe of God is key for living in obedience to the 3rd commandment.

God's Hatred of the Profaning of His Name

I. The Explanation

- A. God hates the profaning of His name, which is evident from Leviticus 24.

- B. We can understand why God hates this sin so much. It is an attack upon His name and an attack upon His name is an attack upon Him. Psalm 8, 29:2, 113, Ez. 36:23, 39:7, 25.

II. The Application

- A. The 3rd commandment is concerned with the tongue - with the way we speak God's name.

- B. The 3rd command addresses the lives we live - do we live in ways that are consistent with the truth of Who God is?

III. The Calling

- A. We are to use the holy name of God no otherwise than with fear and reverence...

- B. To do this we need the grace of God in our hearts.