

The Heidelberg Catechism

99. What is required in the third Commandment?

That we must not by cursing,¹ or by false swearing,² nor yet by unnecessary oaths,³ profane or abuse the name of God; nor even by our silence⁴ and connivance be partakers of these horrible sins in others; and in summary, that we use the holy name of God in no other way than with fear and reverence,⁵ so that He may be rightly confessed⁶ and worshiped⁷ by us, and be glorified in all our words and works.⁸

¹ Lev 24:10-17; ² Lev 19:12; ³ Mt 5:37; Jas 5:12; ⁴ Lev 5:1; Prov 29:24; ⁵ Ps 99:1-5; Isa 45:23; Jer 4:2; ⁶ Mt 10:32-33; Rom 10:9-10; ⁷ Ps 50:14-15; 1 Tim 2:8; ⁸ Rom 2:24; Col 3:16-17; 1 Tim 6:1; 1 Pt 3:15