

# FEAR of the LORD Pt.6: SING, DON'T TAKE GOD'S NAME IN VAIN

## SING to the LORD

I do not want to gloss over this point. Psalm 100 tells us to come before His presence with singing. King David assigned singers from the Levites to offer praise and worship before the Lord. Singing to the Lord is worship.

**1 Chron.9:33** – And these *are* the singers, chief of the fathers of the Levites, *who remaining* in the chambers (rooms within the Temple) *were* free (they were exempt from other duties): for they were employed in *that* work day and night.

They were solely devoted to singing. They practiced and sang to the Lord.

**1 Chron.15:16** – And David spake to the chief of the Levites to appoint their brethren *to be* the singers with instruments of musick, psalteries (lyres) and harps and cymbals, sounding, by lifting up the voice with joy.

**1 Chron.23:5** - Moreover four thousand *were* porters (gatekeepers); and four thousand praised the LORD with the instruments which I made, *said David*, to praise *therewith*.

The next verses are about what the people did at the laying of the foundation of the Second Temple.

**Ezra 3:10-11** – And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, they set the priests in their apparel with trumpets, and the Levites the sons of Asaph with cymbals, to praise the LORD, after the ordinance of David king of Israel. And they sang together by course in praising and giving thanks unto the LORD; because *He is* good, for His mercy *endureth* for ever toward Israel. And all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid.

Praise God for Who He is, praise Him for what He has done in your life. Sing to Him. I sometimes sing a simple little song I learned from Pastor Erustus' little

girls: there is none, there is none, there is none Like You Father...there is none, there is none, there is none like You Father –and one I heard Pastor Erustus singing: You are Almighty God, You are Almighty God. I think there is a little more to those songs, but these are the parts I can remember. It doesn't have to be extravagant – get busy singing to God! Men and women alike, sing to the Lord!

Chapter 20 of 2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles tells us that King Jehoshaphat was being threatened with war and he proclaimed a fast and sought the Lord. Let's read what happened on the day he was about to go into the battle.

**2 Chron.20:21-22** – And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers unto the LORD, and that should praise the beauty of holiness (praising God for His holy splendor), as they went out before the army (walking in front of the army), and to say, Praise the LORD; for His mercy *endureth* for ever. And when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten (they were defeated).

They had sought God first through fasting which helped to prepare them for this victory but notice when they went to war, they led with singers praising God. Once they began to sing praise, then God went to work on their behalf, fighting the war and gave them the victory!

It is very important to sing in worship to the Lord. This is not something that is to only be done on Sundays in church. Bring this into your everyday life and sing to the Lord every day. You don't have to be a good singer, God knows who is gifted in this area and who isn't. The point is to sing to Him. Moses and the Israelites sang a song of praise to the Lord after He delivered them from the Egyptians at the Red Sea. **(Genesis 15)** King David wrote many songs / psalms to the Lord. He's a good example to us of how to worship God, King David was a man after God's own heart. **(1 Samuel 13:14, Acts 13:22)** Let's get busy singing to God. He will move on your behalf just like He did for the Israelites when you sing to Him from a pure heart. If God has blessed you with a gift to sing, use it for His glory and not for the world. People are so blinded to think that someone like Elvis was

doing anything to bring God glory when he sang such worldly songs and then now and then would sing a gospel song. No, that's a sinner singing a religious song that does not bring God glory. God does not bless us with our gifts and talents only to have us use them on the world, bringing satan glory.

## **DON'TS**

### **TAKING GOD'S NAME IN VAIN**

For some reason we only think that saying a certain curse word after using the word God, is taking God's name in vain. That is not behaving in a godly way, that's for sure. That is not showing reverence to God for certain and we should never do that. But if we really think about what that means, to take the Lord's name in vain. With how people say it today, God (blank), do you think the Israelites talked like that back then? Do you think they had the same kind of potty mouths that we have today?

I shared one way that people take God's name in vain and that is professing to be a Christian and yet not living for Christ at all, they are hypocrites and have taken His name in vain. Vain, meaning empty, foolish, meaningless – His name meaning nothing as applied to their lives. Taking God's name in vain also applies to swearing oaths falsely in God's name and not following through on the vow or oath. Another example would be in using God's name to deceive others such as false prophets prophesying lies in God's name.

**Lev.18:21** – And thou shalt not let any of thy seed pass through *the fire* to Molech, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I *am* the LORD.

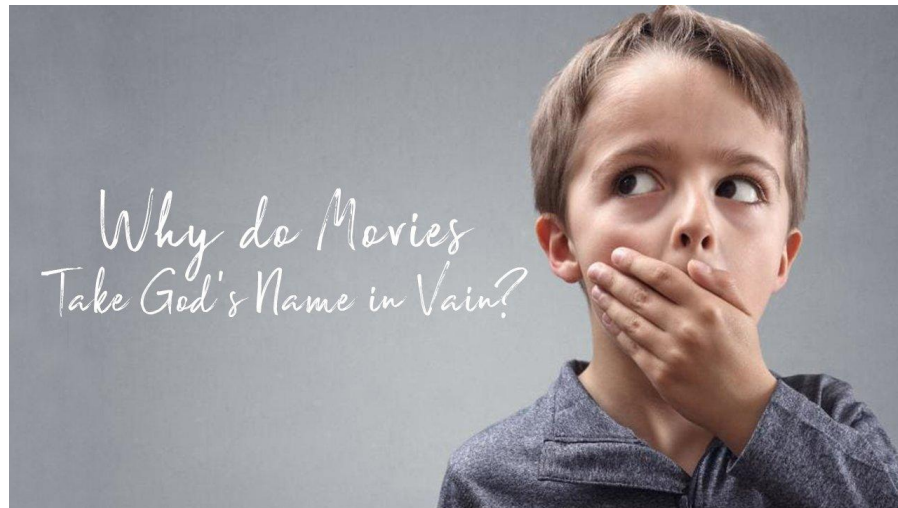
They were claiming to be children of God but yet they were serving satan and sacrificing their children in the fire to him. Molech is another name of satan's. By doing this, they were profaning God's name, or that is, taking it in vain.

Touching holy things unlawfully was considered profaning the name of the Lord.

We are to exalt the name of God and praise Him. Let's be careful not to take His name in vain. Our modern definition of what it means to take the Lord's name in vain is saying God and then a curse word. We should not talk like that and we should be offended at movies and people that talk like that. My family and I don't

watch main stream movies, they are just too filthy and perverted against God. PG is bad enough, we hardly ever venture to watch a PG-13.

When you reverence God, you don't keep watching a movie that takes His name in vain. It's not ok with you. It grieves the Holy Spirit inside of you. If you can keep watching a show where they are disrespecting and taking the Lord's name in vain, then you either need to grow in the faith or you are not saved at all.



Why do movies take God's name in vain? We should all react just like this little boy when we hear God's name taken in vain. Hollywood has included taking the Lord's name in vain in the dialogue of many movies on purpose because that is satan's industry and he will put God down as much as he can.

RESEARCH - You might recall a few years ago (2013), a Martin Scorsese movie made headlines for its obscenities. THE WOLF OF WALLSTREET has the F-bomb 506 times, making it the record holder for the most F-bombs in the history of movies.

They plan everything, everything that is spoken, is spoken on purpose. God's name is holy. All good things come from Him. **(James 1:17)** He created all things through Christ. How dare we take His name in vain. And even though the word God is not His name, we all refer to Him as God and so we should not be profaning the words we use in regard to Him at all.

At the beginning of the Lord's prayer, we say Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. That means – holy be Your name. We are not to use

God's name in anger or frustration. If you pay attention, many movies have nothing to do with God, in fact most are against Christianity and God completely, so why are they taking His name in vain? It is because Satan, the spirit of the world is what drives that industry and he wanted to be God. He isn't and never will be. He's sore about it and he continues to fight against God in every way and to condition the world to these things. Most people have no problem hearing profanity much less God's name taken in vain.

From MovieGuide: When it comes to movies, we at Movieguide® love family movies, but it's frustrating when popular family-friendly movies like INVINCIBLE Rated PG, HERBIE FULLY LOADED - PG and TRON - PG have dialogue that takes God's name in vain. Even animated movies like THE INCREDIBLES - PG or TROLLS – PG have dialogue like this. A few months ago, the recent Marvel movie ANT MAN AND THE WASP – PG-13, which has some great moral content and is very exciting, has a couple profanities, including a strong use of G\*\*d\*\*\*, and two offensive uses of Jesus's name. Why is this?

Hollywood movies would never get away with using "Allah" or "Mohammed" as a cuss word. In fact, when director Roland Emmerich was making the disaster movie 2012, which features a montage of religious locations being destroyed, like the Sistine Chapel and the Christ the Redeemer statue in Brazil, he told the press that he wanted to include Mecca in the destruction montage but stated he didn't want a kill order on his head. He continued, "You can actually let Christian symbols fall apart, but if you would do this with [an] Arab symbol, you would have ... a fatwa and that sounds a little bit like what the state of this world is."

The point isn't that we want all religions offended equally, it's that our culture has readily accepted Jesus's name being abused, even though America is a "Christian nation."

Those movies mentioned were all, PG and the "Ant Man and the Wasp" was PG-13. These are supposed to be family friendly shows, kid friendly and yet they always have to have something against God in them.

God said His name is "I Am that I Am." **(Exodus 3:14)**

## **CLOSING**

In research I ran across something that Don Wilton of BillyGraham.org said. Now you all know by now that Billy Graham was a freemason, but I thought what this man said in this instance was good and I wanted to share it. "The name of God has everything to do with all that God is. When His name is pulled down into the mass of human society, everything pertaining to His unique and sovereign ability is devalued.... In a strange, reversed sort of way, every time I hear the name of Jesus used as a curse word, I think God is affirming the truth of His Word." In essence, people profaning God's name is a reminder and proof that Jesus is God, and many people, and the devil hate that.

Of course God does not use profanity or sin to affirm anything about Himself. But we can understand what this man meant. People tell off on themselves when they claim to love God but have no problem taking His name in vain.

**Exodus 20:7** – Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain (you shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God); for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain (who misuses His name).

This is part of the Great Commandment that Jesus gave us under the New Covenant (**Matt.22:35-4**).

As Christians, let's be careful not to ever take or say or use God's name in vain. Let's be careful about how we speak His name. Honor and reverence God's name. Keep it holy, it is a command.

## **PRAYER**

<https://www.movieguide.org/news-articles/why-do-movies-take-gods-name-in-vain.html>