

Questions 84&85A

Name _____

Q84. What is the third commandment?

A85. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain.

Q85. What does the third commandment teach?

A85. To reverence God's name, word & works.

Scripture Base: Gen.1:1, 7:1, 35:11; Ex. 3:13-15; 20; Deut 5, 28:58-68; Ps.18:13, 45:3; Is. 42:8.

Doctrine: WCF 22:2 SC 53-56

Supplementary Questions

1. Why does the commandment tell us to reverence God's name and not God Himself?

2. What are some of God's names?

Song: "The Ten Commandments"—Judy Rogers

Teaching Notes

Review Q83 What does the second commandment teach?

- *To worship God in a proper manner, and to avoid idolatry.*

Work on memorization!

Readings: Gen. 1:1, 17:1, 22:14; Ex. 3:13-15; Ps. 18:13-15, 45:3-5.

Questions

1. It does tell us to reverence God, because by honoring His name, we are honoring Him. A name is something that points to someone; it can also reveal something of who he or she is.

When you dishonor a name, you dishonor the one whose name it is; but when you honor a name, you honor that person.

(Demonstrate by picking the name of one of the children and doing something to honor [John is bright] or dishonor it [John is not so smart], and see how it makes them feel.)

2. God's names not only point directly to Him, they also tell us something about Him. God uses many names to describe Himself:

Lord Yahweh: the One Who Is (Ex. 3:13-15)

God Elohim: the Strong One - identifies Him as the God of Creation; it is plural showing that He is multi-personal (Trinity) (Gen. 1:1)

God Almighty El Shaddai: the One who is self-sufficient – who doesn't need anyone, independent (Gen. 17:1; 28:3; 35:11)

the Most High God El Elyon: the Exalted One; (Ps. 18:13)

the Mighty God El Gibbor: mighty one of war; (Ps. 45:3)

Jehovah Jireh Yahweh Yireh: the Lord who provides. (Gen 22:14)

Use 'flags' to identify each Name as verse read.

Gospel: Do you honor God or dishonor Him? Have you ever used the Lord's name as a swear word? Have you made promises that you haven't kept? Do you believe that God doesn't exist, that He didn't make all things, that He's not in control of all things? All of these things are sinful; they dishonor the Lord and deserve death. All our sins deserve death. Paul writes, "The wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23). But the Lord has graciously given His Son to die in your place if you will receive Him as your Lord and Savior and turn from your sins. Jesus died so that you don't have to, if you will only trust in Him. Trust in Him today and everyday of your life.

Extra: 'Flags', Name-match worksheet; W/S 80-87 part 3

Song: 10 Commandments – Judy Rogers