

CHAPTER 5 – The Second Commandment

- **The second Commandment?**

- You shall not take the name of the Lord in vain

The Lord is known as Yahweh “I am who I am”

Points to remember

- Place of reverence:
Respecting or giving honor to someone or something
- Sacred Vessels and Linens:



Blasphemy

- Verbal abuse or scorn of God's name or the names of the saints or holy things
 - We speak what we think
 - we communicate part of who we are
 - People who speak blasphemy show that they are spiritually sick
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Oath/ false oath

- An oath is calling upon God as witness for what is declared or promised.
 - false oath is sinful- because when we are lying we call on God as witness
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CCC 2149 (False Oath)

- Oaths which misuse God's name, though without the intention of blasphemy, show lack of respect for the Lord
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VOWS

- **A vow is a promise made to God to do something good and pleasing to Him**

Vows- Priests, Religious, and Marriage

- Vows are binding. If broken it's a mortal sin
 - Promises are made to people; vows are made to God
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- To tell someone your name is a **sign of trust**. Since God has told us his name, he makes himself recognizable and grants us access to him through this name. God is **absolute truth**. Someone who calls Truth himself by his name but **uses it to testify to a lie sins seriously**.
 - One must not pronounce the name of God irreverently. For we know him only because he has entrusted himself to us. The **Holy Name**, after all, is the **key to the heart of the Almighty**. Therefore it is a terrible offense to blaspheme God, to curse using God's name, or to make false promises in his name.
 - The Second Commandment is therefore also a commandment that protects "holiness" in general. Places, things, names, and people who have been touched by God are "holy". Sensitivity to what is holy is called reverence
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Fill in the Blanks

- Reverence Is the respect and honor given to someone or something
- The 2nd commandment states that "you shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain
- Promises are made to people Vows are made to God
- God's name is Holy
- A false oath calls on God to witness to the truth of what we are saying when in fact we are lying
- Breaking religious vow is a mortal sin

BIBLE VERSES

Exodus 3 : 13 -15

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