

## **Law 3: Name Above All Names**

### **Exodus 20:7**

*"You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain,  
for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.*

**YHWH** = Jehovah or Yahweh

"I am who I am," or "I will be who I will be."

YHWH is often translated as LORD.

### **INTERPRETING THE VERSE**

"take" literally means to "lift up"

"vain" means thoughtlessly or in an empty way.

### **MISUSING GOD'S NAME**

- \* using it as a swear word
  
- \* using it thoughtlessly
  
- \* when we speak and act in ways that betray the relationship with Christ we claim to have.
  
- \* using God's name to advance our own agenda.
  
- \* When we pray in His name without a true conviction that He hears us as we are praying.
  
- \* being careless in our worship.