

Name Of God Is Holy

'You will not profane My holy name but I will be made holy among you. I am the Lord Who makes you holy' (Leviticus 22:32). 'Glory in His holy name ... Ascribe to God the glory due to His name ... Save us God of our salvation! Gather us together and deliver us from the nations so we may give thanks to Your holy name and triumph in Your praise' (1 Chronicles 16:10, 29 & 35). 'Give thanks to His holy name' (Psalm 30:4). 'Our heart rejoices in Him because we trust in His holy name' (Psalm 33:21). 'Let them praise Your great and awesome name' (Psalm 99:3). 'Praise the Lord O my soul and all that is within me, praise His holy name' (Psalm 103:1). 'Glory in His holy name' (Psalm 105:3). 'His name is holy and awesome' (Psalm 111:9). 'Let all flesh bless His holy name forever' (Psalm 145:21). 'The high and exalted One Who inhabits eternity, Whose name is Holy' (Isaiah 57:15).

The name of the Lord is awesome, holy, full of glory, trustworthy, worthy of thanks, worthy of praise, worthy of blessing and is the highest name in all eternity. The Lord guards His holy name jealously. 'I will be jealous for My holy name' (Ezekiel 39:25). We know the Lord is perfectly holy above all the things He has created but His name is holy too. His name represents Who He is in a similar way our reputation represents who we are. If someone were to slander our good reputation, we would attempt to put right what an unthinking person has done wrong. We would defend ourselves and clear our name. That is what the Lord does. He holds His name and reputation in high regard. 'I had regard for My holy name' (Ezekiel 36:21). 'I will sanctify My great name' (Ezekiel 36:23).

To profane the name of the Lord is to sin with our mouth and there are many ways people can profane the holy name of the Lord. We all must be on our guard not to sin with our tongues. 'I will watch my ways so I do not sin with my tongue. I will keep my mouth bridled' (Psalm 39:1). 'Do not allow your mouth to lead you into sin' (Ecclesiastes 5:6). When we read the words, "You have profaned My name," some may wonder what that means. The definitions of the word profane are to blaspheme, debase, defile, desecrate, to be disrespectful or godless, to behave like a heathen or pagan, to be idolatrous or follow a false religion, show impiety, to be impious, impure, irreligious, irreverent, to misuse His name as an obscenity, a swear word or a curse, to pervert, pollute or violate the holiness of God, to be sacrilegious, sinful, ungodly, unhallowed, unholy, unsanctified, wicked or worldly. Other ways people can profane the holy name of God is by sexual immorality or by being unkind to the poor, to be unjust and deny them rightful justice. 'They trample on the dust of the earth on the head of the poor and deny justice to the oppressed. A man and his father use the same woman to profane My holy name' (Amos 2:7). If we profane the name of God we can expect to be punished by God for that sin. 'I do not punish you for your sake but for My holy name which you profaned' (Ezekiel 36:22). There will come a time when the Lord God will stamp out all vocal profanities and He will also put a stop to anyone who defiles the holy name of God by actual sin – that is sin by actions. 'I will not allow My holy name to be profaned any more' (Ezekiel 39:7). 'They will no more defile My holy name ... They have defiled My holy name by the sin they have committed' (Ezekiel 43:7 & 8).

The opposite to profaning the holy name of God is proclaiming the name of God. 'I will proclaim the name of God. Ascribe greatness to our God the Rock! His work is perfect. All His ways are just. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is He' (Deuteronomy 32:3 & 4). Jesus said when we pray we are to keep His name holy. 'Our Father Who is in heaven, holy is Your name, or, may Your name be kept holy' (Matthew 6:9; Luke 11:2). The only holiness we have comes from God. 'I am the Lord Who makes you holy' (Leviticus 22:32). It is impossible for us to be holy unless we submit to the Lord and allow Him to purify us. He chastens us to purge us of sin so we can be partakers of His holiness (Hebrews 12:5 to 13). 'Having these promises beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God' (2 Corinthians 7:1). 'May He establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus' (1 Thessalonians 3:13). 'He who is mighty has done great things for me. Holy is His name' (Luke 1:49). 'Who would not fear (revere) You Lord and glorify Your name for you alone are holy' (Revelation 15:4).

Amen and God bless you.

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