

Faith Talk

Trinity Canadian Reformed Church

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Blasphemy
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“You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses His name.” Exodus 20:7

How, when and why do we call upon the name of the Lord God? Do we speak to the Lord in prayer with respect, honour and in humble thankfulness for all that he gives to us? If this is not the case then we are blaspheming the name of God. For, blasphemy is defined in the Webster dictionary as “speaking irreverently of God...”

In today’s society adults and children alike are often heard using the name of the Lord God or His son, Jesus Christ, in a number of ways. The manner in which he is spoken of is disrespectful, to say the least. God the Father is often blamed for the consequences of peoples own actions or poor life choices. The name of Jesus Christ is often used to add emphasis to some point that a person is trying to make. The only meaning that the Lord God has taken in the lives of many is for his name to be used and abused. Does society realize how this angers the Lord? Is the misuse of anyone’s name ever justified?

In Matthew 10: 32,33 the Lord Jesus states “So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; But whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.” So when we use the Lord’s name are we not acknowledging his existence? Is the Lord only acknowledged when we are angry or when we are condemning someone?

The Lord God is a living God who hears when His name is called, how His name is called and when or for what purpose His name is called. Call upon His name, but not in vain!

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