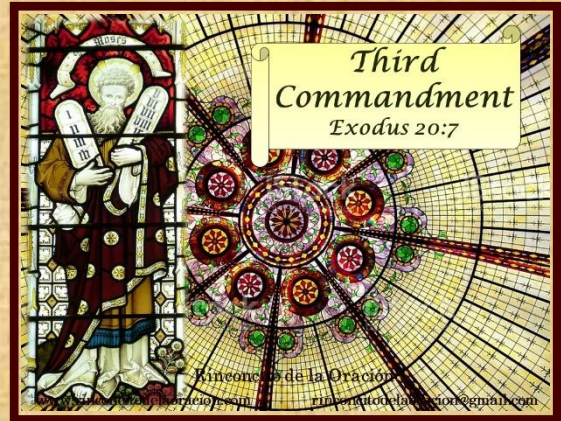


According to Exodus 20:7 the Third Commandment says: *“Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain.”*



What is the order in this commandment?

The Third Commandment orders the use of names, attributes, ordinances, words and God’s works according to His holiness in a reverent manner.

Psalms 29:2 – Revelation 15:3 – Ecclesiastes 5:2 – Psalms 138:2 – Job 36:24

According to this Third Commandment, what is it that is forbidden?

The Third Commandment forbids any desecration or abuse of anything through which God announces Himself to mankind.

Malachi 2:2

What reason is given by the Third Commandment?

The reason given by this Third Commandment is that even if offenders manage to avoid human punishment, the Lord, our God will not ignore them and will not permit offenders to get away from His fair trial.

Conclusion: Jesus transmitted this commandment’s idea when He taught how to pray considering God’s Holiness: *“Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.”* (St. Mathew 6:9)

Every time we talk about God, we must care about our way and manner. His Holy name must never be used derisively, blasphemously, or as an insult. Another way is proceeding in such a way that clearly dishonor Him or distort His Word when we say words that He has not meant to say.

This commandment also teaches us that when thinking as well as speaking about God, and when referring about His mystery it must be done with deep reverence and sobriety; and that when considering and displaying His works we conceive nothing else but for His honor



and glory. "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." (I Corinthians 10:31)

This is what sanctifying God's name consists of.

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