

The Good Life



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



You shall not take the
Name of the LORD in vain



...to neither blaspheme nor misuse
the name of God by cursing,
perjury, or unnecessary oaths,
nor share in such horrible sins by
being silent bystanders.



In summary, we should use the
holy name of God only with
reverence and awe,



so that we may properly confess
God, pray to God and glorify God
in all our words and works.

- Heidelberg Catechism



יְהוָה



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YHWH



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Yahweh



יְהוָה
YHWH
Yahweh
Jehovah



I AM WHO I AM



56 Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad.” 57 “You are not yet fifty years old,” they said to him, “and you have seen Abraham!”



58 “Very truly I tell you,” Jesus answered, “before Abraham was born, I am!”



59 At this, they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds.

- John 8:56-59



Adonai— Lord



Adonai— Lord
Ha-shem—the Name



Yawheh is the the God who has
always existed, He has no
beginning and will have no end,
He is the absolute reality,
the absolute standard of
truth and beauty,



He is the constant—the same
yesterday, today and forever;
He is utterly independent and
He is greater than the sum
of all things.

- John Piper





language matters



1 Follow God's example,
therefore, as dearly
loved children



and walk in the way of love, just
as Christ loved us and gave
himself up for us as a fragrant
offering and sacrifice to God.



3 But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people.



4 Nor should there be obscenity,
foolish talk or coarse joking,
which are out of place,
but rather thanksgiving.

- Ephesians 5:1-4



language matters



**slavery is a fundamentally
inhumane condition**



This God is looking for a body.



לִשְׁוֹרָא and תְּשֻׁא



לִשְׂאוֹ and תִּשָּׂא

תִּשָּׂא: to take, bear, raise,
lift, carry



לִשְׁוֹא and תִּשָּׂא

תִּשָּׂא: to take, bear, raise,
lift, carry

לִשְׁוֹא: vain, vanity,
falsehood, worthless



How are you carrying the Name?



You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

- Acts 1:8



Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

- 1 Peter 2:12



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