

# You Shall Not Take the Name of Jehovah Your God in Vain....

Love What is from God.<sup>1</sup>

Quick Reference  
- from -  
*Secrets of Heaven*  
Emanuel Swedenborg

## **Forms of goodness that are related to this commandment:]**

1. [Hold] those things which are of the Word or of the doctrine of faith [in respect].<sup>2</sup>
2. [Uphold] truth from the Lord.<sup>3</sup>
3. [Acknowledge and have] faith [in] truth.<sup>4</sup>
4. [Acknowledge the] good and truth of faith.<sup>5</sup>
5. [Live] a life [in keeping with] truths.<sup>6</sup>
6. [Worship] the Lord [by means of] truth and goodness [in life].<sup>7</sup>
7. Believe [what is true and] live a [good and holy life].<sup>8</sup>
8. [Believe and live] in one [and the same] way.<sup>9</sup>
9. [In this way unite] truth and...good [in life].<sup>10</sup>
10. [Notes:]
  - a. Believing [belongs to] understanding and living [belongs to] volition [or will].<sup>11</sup>
  - b. [When a person believes what is true and lives a good life, that person's] thought and will [become united in life].<sup>12</sup>
11. [Unite thought and will in life].<sup>13</sup>
12. [Unite these dual things] of heaven [in life].<sup>14</sup>
13. [Live a] spiritual life.<sup>15</sup>

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# You Shall Not Profane the Name of God.

## Love What is from God.<sup>16</sup>

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*The Apocalypse Explained*  
Emanuel Swedenborg

**"The name of God"** means...

1. Every quality [of God] (or everything that is from God) by which God is worshipped.<sup>17</sup>
  - a. God is in His own quality, and is His own quality.
  - b. His essence is the divine love, and His quality is the divine truth therefrom united with the divine good;
  - c. Thus with us on earth it is the Word;
  - d. Consequently it is said in John:
    - 1) The Word was with God, and God was the Word.<sup>18</sup>
2. That which is from God and which is God.<sup>19</sup>
  - a. This is called the divine truth.<sup>20</sup>
  - b. With us [it is called] the Word.<sup>21</sup>
  - c. "The name of God" [means] the divine truth or the Word.<sup>22</sup>
3. The doctrine of genuine truth and good from the Word.<sup>23</sup>
  - a. [Note:] Worship is according to that.<sup>24</sup>

**Forms of goodness that are related to this commandment:]**

1. [Acknowledge] the divine quality of the Lord.<sup>25</sup>
  - a. [Honor the Lord's] quality.<sup>26</sup>
2. [Notes:]<sup>27</sup>
  - a. God's quality is manifold, [that is, it has many and various forms].
  - b. [The Lord's quality] comprises all things that are from Him.
  - c. So He has many names, and each name involves and expresses His quality in general and in particular. He is called:
    - 1) Jehovah
    - 2) Jehovah of Hosts
    - 3) Lord
    - 4) Lord Jehovih
    - 5) God
    - 6) Messiah or Christ
    - 7) Jesus
    - 8) Savior
    - 9) Redeemer
    - 10) Creator
    - 11) Former
    - 12) Maker

- 13) King
  - 14) The Holy One of Israel
  - 15) The Rock
  - 16) The Stone of Israel
  - 17) Shiloh
  - 18) Shaddai
  - 19) David
  - 20) Prophet
  - 21) Son of God
  - 22) Son of man
  - 23) And so on.
- d. All these names are the names of the one God, who is the Lord; and yet where they occur in the Word they mean some universal divine attribute or quality distinct from the other divine attributes or qualities.
3. [Honor] the divine truth.<sup>28</sup>
  4. [Honor] the Word.<sup>29</sup>
  5. [Note: The Word] in itself is divine and most holy.<sup>30</sup>
  6. [Respect] the Word and doctrine from the Word.<sup>31</sup>
    - a. [Do this] from the heart, for these [things] are God's "name".<sup>32</sup>
  7. [Honor and accept the Word, and treat it with respect.]<sup>33</sup>
    - a. [Note:] When this is done heaven is [opened to a person].<sup>34</sup>
  8. [Acknowledge the] holiness [of the Word].<sup>35</sup>
    - a. [Do so] from the heart.<sup>36</sup>
  9. [Notes:]<sup>37</sup>
    - a. The Word is the only medium of union of heaven with the church.<sup>38</sup>
    - b. When the Word is [received in the heart that union takes place].<sup>39</sup>
    - c. There are two things by which heaven is [opened] to the people of the church.
      - 1) One is the [acknowledgment] of the Lord's Divine.
      - 2) The other is [acknowledgment] of the holiness of the Word.
    - d. [The reason for this is] that the Lord's Divine is the all of heaven, and the divine truth, which is the Word in the spiritual sense, is what makes heaven.
    - e. [This] makes clear that he or she who [acknowledges] the one or the other [acknowledges] that which is the all of heaven, and from which heaven is and exists, and thus [invites] communication and thence...union with heaven.
  10. [Acknowledge the] truth of the church.<sup>40</sup>
  11. Respect the [good and true things of the] church.<sup>41</sup>
    - a. [Note: This is accomplished by respecting] the Word and [true] doctrine from the Word.<sup>42</sup>
    - b. [Do this] from the heart, for these [things] are God's "name".<sup>43</sup>
  12. [Have] religion.<sup>44</sup>
    - a. [Do so] from revelation, [that is, from] the Word.
  13. Live from religion.<sup>45</sup>
  14. [Live] a life [in keeping with the Ten Commandments].<sup>46</sup>
    - a. [Note: The name of God is interiorly [acknowledged] by a life [in keeping with the Ten Commandments].]<sup>47</sup>
  15. [Think, will, speak, and act in keeping with the Ten Commandments].<sup>48</sup>
  16. [Live for the Lord or for the neighbor].<sup>49</sup>

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## **Earthly sense:**<sup>51</sup>

1. [Use] the name of Jehovah God [in appropriate ways].
2. [Use it] continually in...
  - a. The holy things pertaining to the church, as in prayers, psalms, and in all worship.
  - b. In preaching.
  - c. In writing on ecclesiastical subjects.
  - d. [Note:] The name of God, because it is holiness itself, must be used...in [these ways]. This is so because God is in all things of religion, and when He is solemnly invoked He is present through His name and hears. In such ways is the name of God hallowed.
3. [Note:] There are many names of God that must [be honored, such as:]
  - a. Jehovah.
  - b. Jehovah God.
  - c. Jehovah of Hosts.
  - d. The Holy One of Israel.
  - e. Jesus.
  - f. Christ.
  - g. The Holy Spirit.
4. [Note:] The name of Jesus, [like the name of Jehovah God] is in like manner holy, [therefore] at this name every knee is bowed or should be bowed in heaven and on earth.

## **Spiritual sense:**<sup>52</sup>

1. The name of God means...
  - a. The Divine that goes forth from God and by which He is worshipped.
  - b. The Word.
  - c. Whatever [truth and goodness] the church has from [the Word].
  - d. Everything [true and good] which the church teaches from the Word, and by which the Lord is invoked and worshipped.
  - e. All worship
2. The name "Jesus Christ" means...
  - a. Everything of redemption,

- b. And everything of His doctrine,
- c. Thus everything of salvation.
- d. Notes:
  - 1) "Jesus" [means] everything of salvation through redemption.
  - 2) "Christ" [means] everything of salvation through His doctrine.

**Heavenly sense:**<sup>53</sup>

- 1. The name of Jehovah God in the heavenly or highest sense means the Divine Human of the Lord. [Therefore...]
  - a. [Acknowledge the] Divinity of the Lord's Human.
  - b. [Acknowledge the] holiness of the Word.

**[Final notes:]**<sup>54</sup>

- 1. The name of anyone means not his or her name alone but his every quality.
- 2. In the spiritual world...everyone is...named according to his or her character.
- 3. Angels are named according to their moral and spiritual life.
- 4. Nor in the natural world does a name mean the person's name only, but his or her character also.
  - a. He or she is celebrated for such things as are in him, as for...
    - 1) Talents.
    - 2) Erudition.
    - 3) Merits.
    - 4) [Etc.]
- 5. [Therefore...]
  - a. [Praise and exalt the Lord] by name.
  - b. [Praise and exalt the Lord's] character and...reputation.
  - c. [Praise and exalt] the actions of the [Lord's] life.
    - 1) [Show respect for] the actions of His life.
  - d. [Pronounce the Lord's] name in a respectful tone.
    - 1) [Utter the Lord's name] with great [respect].
  - e. [Heap praise] on the Lord's majesty and dignity.

# Endnotes

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- <sup>1</sup> TC 330
  - <sup>2</sup> SH 8882:4
  - <sup>3</sup> SH 8882:3
  - <sup>4</sup> SH 8882:3
  - <sup>5</sup> SH 8882:4
  - <sup>6</sup> SH 8882:3
  - <sup>7</sup> SH 8882:1
  - <sup>8</sup> SH 8882:1
  - <sup>9</sup> SH 8882:1
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  - <sup>12</sup> SH 8882:1
  - <sup>13</sup> SH 8882:1
  - <sup>14</sup> SH 8882:1
  - <sup>15</sup> SH 8882:1
  - <sup>16</sup> TC 330
  - <sup>17</sup> AE 959:2, 4 unless otherwise noted
  - <sup>18</sup> John 1:1
  - <sup>19</sup> AE 960:14
  - <sup>20</sup> AE 960:14
  - <sup>21</sup> AE 960:14
  - <sup>22</sup> AE 962:11
  - <sup>23</sup> AE 959:2
  - <sup>24</sup> AE 959:2
  - <sup>25</sup> AE 959:4
  - <sup>26</sup> AE 959:4
  - <sup>27</sup> AE 959:3 unless otherwise noted
  - <sup>28</sup> AE 960:14
  - <sup>29</sup> AE 960:14
  - <sup>30</sup> AE 960:14
  - <sup>31</sup> AE 935:2
  - <sup>32</sup> AE 935:2
  - <sup>33</sup> AE 960:14, 962:11, 963:2
  - <sup>34</sup> AE 960:14
  - <sup>35</sup> AE 960:14-15, 962:11, 963:2
  - <sup>36</sup> AE 963:2
  - <sup>37</sup> AE 960:15 unless otherwise noted
  - <sup>38</sup> AE 960:14
  - <sup>39</sup> AE 960:14
  - <sup>40</sup> AE 960:14
  - <sup>41</sup> AE 935:2
  - <sup>42</sup> AE 935:2
  - <sup>43</sup> AE 935:2
  - <sup>44</sup> AE 963:2
  - <sup>45</sup> AE 963:2
  - <sup>46</sup> AE 962:11
  - <sup>47</sup> AE 962:11
  - <sup>48</sup> AE 962:11
  - <sup>49</sup> AE 963:2
  - <sup>50</sup> TC 330
  - <sup>51</sup> TC 297 unless otherwise noted
  - <sup>52</sup> TC 298 unless otherwise noted
  - <sup>53</sup> TC 299 unless otherwise noted
  - <sup>54</sup> TC 300 unless otherwise noted