

Q. 99 What is required in the third commandment?

A. We are not to blaspheme or to abuse the Name of God by cursing,[1] perjury,[2] or unnecessary oaths,[3] nor to share in such horrible sins by being silent bystanders.[4] In short, we must use the holy Name of God only with fear and reverence,[5] so that we may rightly confess Him,[6] call upon Him,[7] and praise Him in all our words and works.[8]

[1] Lev_24:10-17. [2] Lev_19:12 [3] Mat_5:37; Jam_5:12. [4] Lev_5:1; Pro_29:24. [5] Psa_99:1-5; Isa_45:23; Jer_4:2. [6] Mat_10:32-33; Rom_10:9-10. [7] Psa_50:14-15; 1Ti_2:8. [8] Rom_2:24; Col_3:17; 1Ti_6:1.

Q. 100 Is the blaspheming of God's Name by swearing and cursing such a grievous sin that God is angry also with those who do not prevent and forbid it as much as they can?

A. Certainly,[1] for no sin is greater or provokes God's wrath more than the blaspheming of His Name. That is why He commanded it to be punished with death.[2]

[1] Lev_5:1. [2] Lev_24:16.

Q. 101 But may we swear an oath by the Name of God in a godly manner?

A. Yes, when the government demands it of its subjects, or when necessity requires it, in order to maintain and promote fidelity and truth, to God's glory and for our neighbors' good. Such oath-taking is based on God's Word[1] and was therefore rightly used by saints in the Old and the New Testament.[2]

[1] Deu_6:13; Deu_10:20; Jer_4:1-2; Heb_6:16. [2] Gen_21:24; Gen_31:53; Jos_9:15; 1Sa_24:22; 1Ki_1:29-30; Rom_1:9; 2Co_1:23.

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If you have a prayer request please let me know before the service or place a note in the offering plate. Thank you.

Cottonwood Community Church

November 18, 2007

Sunday Devotion: 9:30 am
Worship: 10:00 am

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Welcome

Opening Prayer

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 40:6-8

Hymn 142, Onward Christian Soldiers

Psalms 38:16-22

(16) For I said, *Hear me*, lest they rejoice over me; when my foot slips, they magnify themselves against me. (17) For I *am* ready to fall, and my pain *is* always before me.

(18) For I will declare my iniquity; I am anxious from my sin. (19) And my enemies *are* lively; they are strong; and my haters increase *by* deception.

(20) And those who give evil for good oppose me, because I follow good. (21) Forsake me not, O Jehovah; O my God, be not far from me. (22) Make haste to help me, O my LORD, my salvation.

Hymn 93, The Old Rugged Cross

Mystery Box Message

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

New Testament Reading: Hebrews 4:11-13

Worship In Song

Congregational Prayer / Lord's Prayer

Our Father Who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our
sins as we forgive those who have sinned against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever.

Amen.

Guest Speaker From The Gideons

Closing Prayer

Closing Hymn # 42 God Be with You

Benediction: **Romans 16:25-27**

(25) Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ according to the revelation of *the* mystery, having been unvoiced during eternal times; (26) but now has been made plain, and by the prophetic Scriptures, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith; (27) to God only wise *be* glory through Jesus Christ forever. Amen.