

BEARING GOD'S NAME

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UNDERSTANDING THE COMMAND

Read Exodus 20:1-7. What do you notice about how God gives the commandments? How does the Lord describe himself in these verses? How does this help us understand bearing God's name in verse 7?

Read Exodus 28:21, 29, 36-38. What is Aaron to do with the breastplate of judgment and what is significant about who is on it? What is Aaron wearing on his forehead and what is its significance? How does this inform us concerning what it means to bear the name of the Lord?

Read Numbers 6:22-27. What does this blessing say about how the Lord desires to relate to his people? How is putting the name of God on the people related to the blessing (v.27)?

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE COMMAND

Read Exodus 19:1-9. What is God calling the people of Israel to do? What is significant about the Lord calling Israel his treasured possession (v.5)? Why is God concerned about making this event memorable (v.9)?

In Exodus 20:7 the word vain in Hebrew denotes ineffectiveness or uselessness. What does “not taking up the name of the Lord in vain” have to do with not having any other gods? How are these commands instructive as to the relationship between Yahweh and Israel?

Read Revelation 22:1-4. What does it mean to you that in the New Heavens and New Earth the people of God are described as having the name of the Lord on their foreheads? If people could look at you with the eyes of heaven what would they see? How are you revealing this to others?

LIVING THE COMMAND

Read 1 Peter 2:4-12. How does Peter describe those who have come to Christ in faith? Why do you think he uses language from the Old Testament? How are we to live as God's people?

Read Colossians 3:12-17. How is Paul calling God's chosen people to live? How is living like this doing everything in the name of the Lord Jesus? Is this the same as fulfilling the 3rd commandment?

In our current political and social climate how are you able to best bear the name of Christ? How will this command impact you as you vote in the upcoming election? How will you adjust your interactions with family and friends based on this study of bearing the name of the Lord?