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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

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God's Last Name is not DAMN!

PHILIPPIANS 2:9-11 KJV – (9) Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, (10) that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, (11) and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Misusing God's name? A person's name symbolizes not only what they have accomplished in their lifetime, it also reveals their character, whether good or bad. Even the bible says, "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches..."(**Proverbs 22:1**).

In fact, God values His name so much that He gave the command in **Exodus 20:7**. Throughout the bible, many names referring to God are given, and each name gives a different aspect of God's character.

What does it mean to misuse God's name? This is commonly referred as the commandment "taking the Lord's name in vain" – a more literal translation of the commandment. The word translated "take" means to carry or bear something. The word translated "vain" means emptiness or worthlessness. So to take God's name in vain means to empty His name of content or to make irrelevant. Taking God's name in vain would mean an empty, frivolous or insincere use of God's name.

James 3:8 says that "The tongue.....is a restless evil, full of deadly poison." We misuse God's name through blasphemy, irreverence, cursing and profanity. Jesus has been given the name that is above ALL names! Let us honor the name of the Lord with our lips, with our actions and with our vows.

SCRIPTURE READING: MARK 3:29

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "To believers, the bible is a holy book, to unbelievers, it is a story book."