

### The People of God



**“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God’s own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; for you once were not a people, but now you are the people of God.” (1 Peter 2:9-10)**

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# A Reverent People

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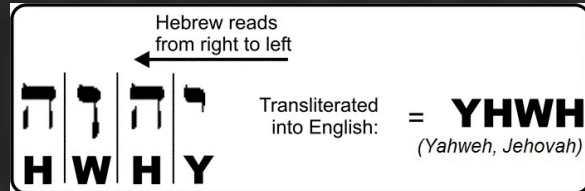
**Matthew  
6:9**

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## Learning From Exodus 20:7

*“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.”*

• God’s name represents all that He is, His character



• God gives His name because He wants us to know Him

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• Disrespect for God, demonstrated by the thoughtless, or pointless, or misleading, or false use of His name

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- God takes the misuse of His name as a direct attack on Him
- God expects to be taken seriously

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## How We Can Fail To Reverence God's Name

- Using God's name as an exclamation point (“OMG!”)
- Attaching God's name to profanity
- Connecting God's name to evil deeds
- Associating God's name with things He has not said
- Invoking God's name in worship, while “going through the motions”

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