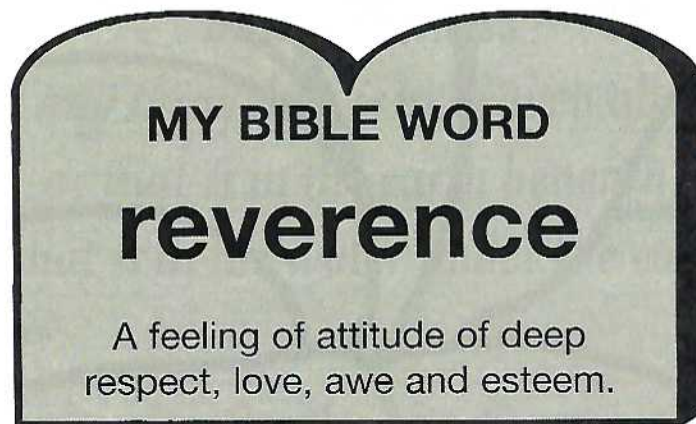


RESPECT THE NAME OF GOD

*God's name is sacred,
Don't say it carelessly.
Don't use it for a swearword.
Say it reverently.*

The Lord Jehovah is a name exalted above all others. His name is holy. Never use God's name in a careless way or without reverence.



DISRESPECT TO GOD'S ANOINTED

Exodus 20:7; 1 Samuel 25:1-42

David needed food for his loyal men. He heard about the sheepshearing on Nabal's ranch. David knew Nabal would have lots of food.

David's men had protected Nabal's sheep and shepherds earlier. David sent men to Nabal. They reminded him of their protection. They asked for food.

Nabal was unkind and hateful to them. In a loud, gruff voice Nabal said, "Who is David? There are many servants who run away from their masters. Should I share my bread and meat with someone I know nothing about?"

The young men told David. He took four hundred of his men with swords in place. They headed for Nabal's place.

One of Nabal's servants told Abigail, Nabal's wise and beautiful wife. She quickly got together all kinds of good food. She and her servants hurried to catch David before he hurt Nabal.

She bowed in respect before David, the future king of Israel. She asked his forgiveness for Nabal's rude manner. She begged him to take the food for his men.

David accepted her gift. He thanked her for good advice. She kept him from doing wrong.

WATCH YOUR WORDS!



“I won!” Lauren said as she again put her marker in the last space on the game board.

“Gosh, Lauren! You win every time,” Katie said sadly.

“Ah-ummm, Katie! Don’t say that word!”

“I will if I want to.” Katie felt grumpy about losing the game two times.

Mother quit dusting the furniture to sit beside Katie on the floor. She drew Katie close in a loving hug.

“Katie, I know you don’t like losing the game. Maybe you will win next time. But in our family we don’t use slang words like that no matter what happens. We love God. We respect God’s holy name. Daddy and I want you to say God’s name only in a way that shows love.”

“I didn’t say God’s name,” Katie said looking up at Mom.

“Gosh is another word for God. So is golly. We don’t say those words because we know God’s name deserves our reverence. Gee and Jeez are words for Jesus. What did Jesus do for us?”

“He died on the cross for us,” Katie said softly.

“We love Him for that, don’t we?” Katie nodded. “We must never say His name in a careless way.”

“I’m sorry,” Katie whispered burying her face in Mom’s lap.

A BIBLE VERSE TO LEARN

“Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.”

Exodus 20:7

vain—empty or worthless, having no value

Taking God’s name in vain is to say it without respect and love. It is saying God’s holy name without thinking.

LORD

Jehovah

GOD

**“His name
is
exalted.”
Isaiah 12:4**

JESUS

Immanuel
Father

Exalt the name of the Lord. Color the letters the best you can.