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- James 3:8 - “But no man can tame the tongue. It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.”
- Eph. 4:29 - “Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.”
- Col. 3:8 - “But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth.”

# Ten Reasons Why I Swear:

- It pleases my mother so much.
- It is a fine mark of manliness.
- It proves I have self-control.
- It indicates how clearly my mind operates.
- It makes my conversation so pleasing to everyone.
- It leaves no doubt in anyone's mind as to my good breeding
- It impresses people that I have more than an ordinary education.
- It is an unmistakable sign of culture and refinement.
- It makes me a very desirable personality among women and children of culture and refinement.
- It is my way of honoring God, who said, "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord in vain." (By Alex Dunlap)

# God's Name Has Been Holy In Every Dispensation

- Mosaic

- Isa. 42:8 - “I am the LORD, that is My name; And My glory I will not give to another”
- Mal. 2:2 - “If you will not hear, And if you will not take it to heart, To give glory to My name, Says the LORD of hosts, I will send a curse upon you, And I will curse your blessings. Yes, I have cursed them already, Because you do not take it to heart.”
- “I am the LORD” is repeated 162 times in scripture

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- Patriarcal

- Gen. 32:29 - “Then Jacob asked, saying, Tell me Your name, I pray. And He said, Why is it that you ask about My name? And He blessed him there.”
- Ex. 3:15 - “Moreover God said to Moses, Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: 'The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is My name forever, and this is My memorial to all generations.’”

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- Christian

- Col. 3:17 - “And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.”

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- We are engulfed in profanity. The average American says 90 swear words per day.
- Network television's use of profanity on prime-time programming increased 69.3% from 2005 (22,064 incidents in five major networks per year) to 2010 (37,388).
- Considering all networks and cable channel programming, the estimated number of incidents could be as high as a quarter million in prime time alone per year (*Parents' Television Council, 2010*)

# God's Name Is A Venerable Name

- Venerable - “sacred, holy, worthy of respect and reverence”
- The announcement of God's Holy Name
  - God revealed Himself to man through His Names (over 300 in the Bible)

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- LORD - In the Old Testament, it is the English translation of the Hebrew word "Jehovah"
  - It describes God as the self-existent, eternal One.
  - It is the Name, "I AM"
  - It is the name God used to reveal Himself to Moses
  - Ex. 3:14 - "And God said to Moses, I AM WHO I AM. And He said, Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

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- LORD - the English translation of the Hebrew word "Jehovah"
  - This Name is used to declare God's nature, unchanging and eternal
  - Mal. 3:6 - "For I am the LORD, I do not change; Therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob."
  - James 1:17 - "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning."

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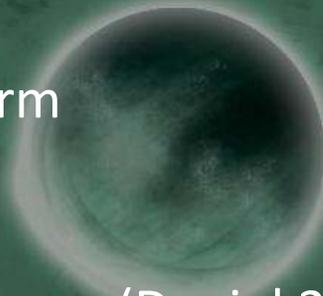
- Jehovah is combined with other words to form compound names for God to reveal more about His nature:
  - Jehovah-Jireh – "The LORD will provide" – Gen. 22:14.
  - Jehovah-Nissi – "The LORD is my banner." – Ex. 17:15.
  - Jehovah-Shalom – "The LORD is peace" – Judges 6:24.
  - Jehovah-Shammah – "The LORD is there" – Ez. 48:35.
  - Jehovah-Tsebaoth – "The LORD of Hosts" – 1Sam. 1:3
  - Jehovah-Rohi - "The LORD is my Shepherd" - Psalm 23:1

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- God – El or Elohim – Refers to the One Supreme, Faithful God in three Persons.
  - Literally, “The Strong and Faithful One!”
  - Used over 2,000 times in the Old Testament.
  - It is the name by which God first revealed Himself to man.
  - Ex. 6:3 - “I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as God Almighty (El Shaddai), but by My name LORD (Jehovah) I was not known to them.”

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- Uses in the Old Testament
  - 1) El - God (250 times)
  - 2) Elohim - God in the plural form
  - 3) El Shaddai - God Almighty
  - 4) El Elyon - God Most High
  - 5) Elah-avahati - God of my fathers, (Daniel 2:23)
  - 6) El Elahin - God of gods (Daniel 2:47)
  - 7) El Yerushelem - God of Jerusalem (Ezra 7:19)
  - 8) El Yisrael - God of Israel (Ezra 5:1)
  - 9) El Shemaya - God of Heaven (Ezra 7:23)
  - 10) El Olam - Everlasting God
  - 11) El Hai - Living God
  - 12) El Ro'i - God my Shepherd
  - 13) El Gibbor - God of Strength
  - 14) El elohe abika - the God of your fathers



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- Adonai – Plural form for “My Lord, my owner” (when in singular form, Adoni, it refers to a human lord)
- The adoration of God's Name
  - Psalm 111:9 - “He has sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever: Holy and awesome is His name.”

# God's Name Is A Venerable Name

- God name must be held in reverence
  - Psalm 66:2 - “Sing out the honor of His name; Make His praise glorious.”
  - Psalm 34:3 - “Oh, magnify the LORD with me, And let us exalt His name together.”
  - Psalm 29:2 - “Give unto the LORD the glory due to His name; Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.”
  - Matt. 6:9 - “In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.”

# God's Name Is A Violated Name

- When we use it as a curse
  - God's name is not an expletive or an expression of surprise, and Christians sin every time they use it that way
  - Euphemisms for God and Jesus' names are not acceptable substitutes; they are cowardly little substitutes for God's names, and Christians sin when they use them

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- When we use it casually
  - When we worship or talk about spiritual matters without sincerity or without regard for God

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- When we use it as camouflage
  - Breaking our word - when we pray and promise God to do one thing and in turn do another.
  - When we take any vow and break it
  - Using our faith to deceive someone into believing we are spiritual people; God's name is not to be used as fake ID
  - God's name reveals his character; our poor example shows the world a false image of God
  - “The hypocrisy of some in the church is far worse than the profanity of many on the street.” – Greg Laurie
  - Luke 6:46 - “But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do the things which I say?”

# God's Name Will Be Vindicated

- There will be punishment for the violator
  - The person who uses God's Name in vain can never be fully right with God and in position for His blessing until that sin is repented.

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- There will be a path for the Christian
  - God wants His people to guard their tongues and that when we use His Name, we do so with reverence and respect.
  - James 5:12 - “But above all, my brethren, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath. But let your Yes, be Yes, and your No, No, lest you fall into judgment.”

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- There will be a path for the Christian
  - Matt. 12:35-37 - “A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things. 36 But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. 37 For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”