

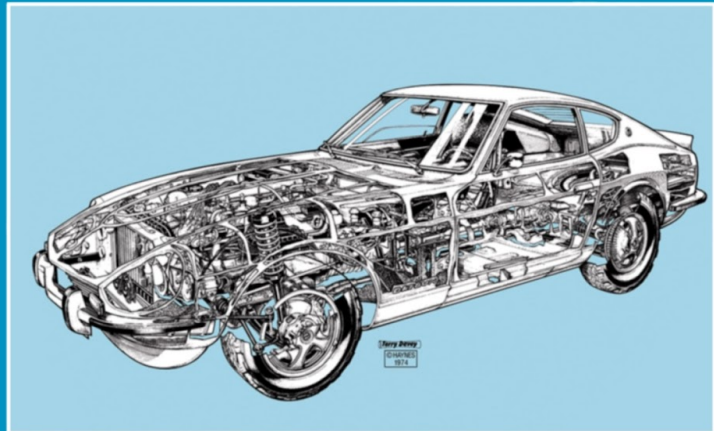
THE WAY IT WORKS

10C, 26V & 20EX



Ultimate Life Guide/Manual

20:02 thru 20:17 Commandments
1 - 10, no other, no idols, not in vain, 6-day & 1, honor, not kill,
loyal, not steal, not lie, not covet



The Way it Works — What's in a Name

Sermon Discussion Questions – September 10, 2023

Scripture Passages:

Matthew 22:40 (NLT) ⁴⁰ The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.”

Exodus 20:7 (KJV 1900) ⁷ 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 (NLT) ⁷ “You must not misuse the name of the Lord your God. The Lord will not let you go unpunished if you misuse his name.

Exodus 33:13 (NLT) ¹³ If it is true that you look favorably on me, let me know your ways so I may understand you more fully and continue to enjoy your favor.

Exodus 33:18 (NLT) ¹⁸ Moses responded, “Then show me your glorious presence.”

Exodus 33:19–23 (NLT) ¹⁹ The Lord replied, “I will make all my goodness pass before you, and I will call out my name, Yahweh, before you. For I will show mercy to anyone I choose, and I will show compassion to anyone I choose. ²⁰ But you may not look directly at my face, for no one may see me and live.” ²² As my glorious presence passes by, I will hide you in the crevice of the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. ²³ Then I will remove my hand and let you see me from behind. But my face will not be seen.”

Exodus 34:5–7 (NLT) ⁵ Then the Lord came down in a cloud and stood there with him; and he called out his own name, Yahweh. ⁶ The Lord passed in front of Moses, calling out, “Yahweh! The Lord! (Yahweh) ⁶ The Lord passed in front of Moses, calling out, “**Yahweh!** The **Lord!** (Yahweh) The God of compassion and mercy! I am slow to anger and filled with unfailing love and faithfulness. ⁷ I lavish unfailing love to a thousand generations. I forgive iniquity, rebellion, and sin. But I do not excuse the guilty.

Exodus 3:13 (NLT) ¹³ But Moses protested, “If I go to the people of Israel and tell them, ‘The God (Elohim) of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ they will ask me, ‘What is his name?’ Then what should I tell them?”

Jeremiah 10:6 (NLT) ⁶ Lord, there is no one like you! For you are great, and your name is full of power.

Psalms 20:7 (NLT) ⁷ Some nations boast of their chariots and horses, but we boast in the name of the Lord our God.

Psalms 61:5 (NLT) ⁵ For you have heard my vows, O God. You have given me an inheritance reserved for those who fear your name.

Matthew 15:18 (NIV84) ¹⁸ But the things that come out of the mouth come from the heart, and these make a man ‘unclean.’

Matthew 6:9 (NIV84) ⁹ “This, then, is how you should pray: “ ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

Matthew 6:9 (NLT) ⁹ Pray like this: Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy.

Warm Up:

This week Pastor Tom talked about names and the meaning of names. What is your favorite nickname you’ve ever been called? Why is it your favorite?

Discussion:

1. This week, Pastor Tom spoke on the 3rd commandment and on the name of God. What is your favorite name of God? Why? What does the name of God mean to you?
2. Read Exodus 34:5-7. What can we learn about God from these verses? What characteristic of God from this passage sticks out to you the most? why?
3. Why do you think the name of God was so supremely valued and highly esteemed? How do you view the name of God? Do you hold it highly or do you use it flippantly?
4. Excerpt from Tom’s message:
When we misuse the name of God, it is nothing less than a denial of God’s holiness, majesty, and power. It is an attempt to somehow pull God down to a common level and make him equal to us.

How does this statement resonate with you? What does this statement mean to you? Can you see this in your own life when it comes to the name of God?

5. Read Matthew 6:9. Why do you think Jesus started with God's name and made his holiness known when teaching us to pray?

Next Steps:

Pastor Tom gave us this application for this week:

Confession—I have misused your name.

Acceptance—I believe in you and your name to be saved.

Adoration—God is always present. He hears everything.

Take time to look through each application point and see what your next step might be. Discuss with your group what you can do this week to acknowledge God's holiness.