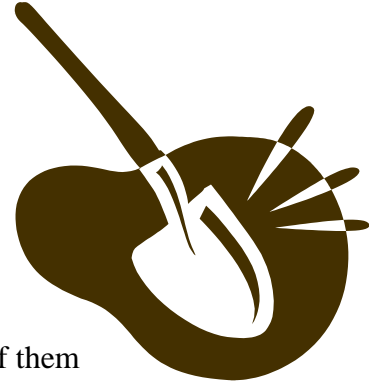


DIGGING DEEPER

Series: Ancient Words for a New Life

Sermon: **What's In a Name?**

Scripture: Exodus 20:7



GETTING STARTED

Consider the following names of famous people. What is your impression of them (favorable or unfavorable)? Why?

Donald Trump

Billy Graham

Lucille Ball

Sam Walton (of Wal-Mart fame)

Martha Stewart

BIBLE STUDY

1. Read Exodus 3:13-15, where God reveals His name to Moses. What is significant about God's willingness to reveal Himself to man in this way?
2. Read Psalm 29:2 & Psalm 34:3. What are some ways in which we can "ascribe glory" to God's name and "exalt" His name?
3. What do we learn in Matthew 6:5-7 about how our prayers can be a misuse of God's name?
4. Jesus says in Matthew 12:34 "For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks." What does that say about our heart's condition when we misuse God's name?
5. Read Matthew 7:21-23. Why does Jesus reject these people who claim to have done things "in His name"?
6. What does Acts 2:21 tell us about the right way to use the name of the Lord?

APPLY IT

Write out some areas of your life where you realize you may have misused God's name by using His name:

- Profanely
- Frivolously
- Hypocritically

Ask God for forgiveness and pray that He will enable you to be more sensitive to those times when you are tempted to use His name inappropriately.