

Deuteronomy 5:11

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.

We all know this verse as one of the Ten Commandments, and we all probably will say that we don't do this because we don't use the Lord's name in vain or as a curse word.

But this verse is saying more than just that. Notice the word "***takes***". Another word for it would be "**to accept**". It would be like if someone uses the Lord's name as a curse word and we could either ignore it, or let that person know that it offends you.

"Well, I let others know when they use the Lord's name as a curse word and how much I don't like it." You may be thinking.

Which is good. But here's another example that you may not have even thought about. What if you are at a movie and the Lord's name is used as a curse word? Do you just sit there and continue to watch the movie or do you leave? It may not even be at the movies, but something that you are watching on your tablet or TV where you are watching a show that uses the Lord's name as a curse word. If you just sit there and accept it, or don't change the channel or stop watching it on your tablet, phone, computer, then you are "***taking***" the Lord's name in vain. Or would you rather accept the use of the Lord's name in that way to entertain you?

Think about that for a minute. How many movies, tv shows, podcasts, even your music are filled with things that Jesus died for on the cross, yet you choose to rather sit there and use it for your entertainment?

Jesus died for profanity, yet you allow that comedian to entertain you with his or her words of profanity, or even sing along with lyrics that a Christian should not even be saying or doing, let alone singing about.

Jesus died for murderers, yet you watch movies and shows that glorify killing and even murder.

Jesus died for the prostitutes, and sexual morality, yet your movies or full of nudity and sex and sexual innuendos.

Jesus died for the alcoholic and drug addict, yet you watch and laugh at those who use alcohol or drugs as an escape or for pleasure.

We can go on and on. But its time for us to ask ourselves, are we allowing the things that Jesus died for on the cross to be our entertainment?

Are we "***taking***" the name of the Lord in vain, as we are accepting of God's Holy name, and the precious name of Jesus to be part of our entertainment?

It doesn't matter how good the movie is or how many great reviews it got or how it is the blockbuster movies of the year, that's my Lord and Savior's name they're talking about and using as a curse word.

Isn't He yours too?

† *For I am the LORD who brings you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy. Leviticus 11:45*

† *The LORD will establish you as a holy people to Himself, just as He has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of the LORD your God and walk in His ways. Deuteronomy 28:9*

† *The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!" Revelation 4:8*