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have you ever been taught that the third

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commandment which says thou shall not

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take the name of the lord god in vain

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means to not swear falsely by his name

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or to not curse using his name if you've

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been taught that you've been taught

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wrong so stick around as we uncover the

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ancient hebrew meaning of what this

0:16

commandment really means

0:26

hello everyone jim staley here passion

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for truth ministries i believe this

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particular teaching today is going to

0:32

bless you we're talking about the ten

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commandments and in particular in this

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video we're talking about the third

0:37

commandment

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over 95 percent of christians don't even

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know the real meaning of this

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commandment most of us have been taught

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it has to do with some how swearing in

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god's name or cursing in god's name but

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this is the farthest thing from the

0:50

truth although neither one of those are

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a good idea so stick around with me for

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just a few more minutes this is going to

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be a short video but we're going to

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unpack what the ancient hebrew really

1:00

means and give us a deeper understanding

1:02

of this particular commandment but

1:04

before we do would you do us a favor and

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help us by subscribing to our youtube

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channel hitting the notifications to

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turn them on so that you don't miss a

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single video here at pft

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and then share this video with everybody

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that you know it might just bless them

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it's a great way and a free way to help

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support our ministry and get this

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message out there

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all right so without further ado let's

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talk well let's turn let's rather to

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exodus chapter 20 the ten commandments

1:31

section of the bible and let's go to

1:33

verse seven let's talk about the third

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commandment it says this in exodus

1:38

chapter 20 verse 7 you shall not take

1:41

the name of the lord your god in vain

1:43

for the lord will not hold him guiltless

1:45

who takes his name in vain

1:47

what exactly does it mean to take the

1:49

name of god in vain

1:51

what does that look like let's dive into

1:53

two important hebrew words in this

1:55

particular scripture that will

1:57

drastically help us introducing the real

2:00

meaning and then we're going to walk

2:01

through the scripture very quickly on

2:03

several other verses and come right back

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and re-read this one with new eyes so

2:08

here we go the first key root word we

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want to talk about in this section is

2:12

the english word take so when it says

2:15

you shall not take the name that word

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take in the hebrew is the word nasa

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nasal means to lift up

2:22

bring forth to make high magnify or to

2:25

raise

2:26

i like to remember the word nasa because

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in america here we have an english word

2:31

called nasa

2:32

it's our space program here in the u.s

2:34

it sends our space shuttles into outer

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space

2:38

and so what happens with a space shuttle

2:40

it lifts off and that helps me remember

2:42

the hebrew word nasa which means to lift

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up so in this context we're talking

2:47

about taking god's name lifting it up

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and magnifying it we can't take god's

2:52

name lift it up and then drop it and

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make it nothing to make it worthless

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that brings us to the second key hebrew

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word which is the word for vain in that

3:01

same scripture that hebrew word is shav

3:04

which simply means emptiness vanity

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false worthless common useless or

3:10

desolating

3:12

so we're lifting god's name up then

3:14

we're desolating it we're making it

3:16

useless or common

3:18

how do we do that well i'm going to

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suggest that it has everything to do

3:22

with making an oath or a promise and

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nothing to do with cursing let's take a

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look at some scriptures let's walk

3:29

through them here we go proverbs chapter

3:31

20 verse 25 says

3:34

it's a snare for a man to devote

3:36

rationally something as holy and

3:38

afterwards to reconsider his vows

3:41

meaning that we're not supposed to make

3:43

a vow quickly and then all of a sudden

3:45

when we do make a vow

3:46

quickly we realize oh my goodness i

3:48

should have never made that vow and we

3:50

try to get out of it

3:52

and we can't because we gave our word in

3:53

our promise back in the day before

3:56

contracts really even existed a

3:58

handshake and your word were everything

4:00

because it was backed by who you are

4:03

it was backed by your nature

4:06

okay so let's keep going we're going to

4:07

talk about that the nature part a little

4:09

bit later

4:10

proverbs 25 14 says whoever falsely

4:13

boasts of giving is like clouds and wind

4:16

without rain

4:18

what does that mean that means someone

4:19

who is saying that hey i'm going to do

4:21

this i'm going to give you this i'm

4:23

going to give you my word the other

4:25

person sees the cloud they see the hope

4:28

and then all of a sudden the cloud comes

4:29

over them they're expecting out of the

4:31

middle of the desert just a drop of rain

4:33

and nothing comes out of the cloud

4:36

that's what it's like when we give our

4:37

word and we don't fulfill it we're

4:40

hurting other people in the process

4:42

let's keep going ecclesiastes chapter 5

4:45

verse 2 through 5 says do not be rash

4:48

with your mouth

4:49

let not your heart utter anything

4:51

hastily before god

4:53

for god is in heaven and you are on

4:55

earth

4:56

therefore let your words be few

4:59

in verse 4 it says when you make a vow

5:01

to god don't delay to pay it for he has

5:04

no pleasure in fools pay what you have

5:07

vowed it's better to not vow than to vow

5:10

and not pay

5:12

and so this concept is all throughout

5:14

the scriptures of making vows to god and

5:16

making vows to people

5:18

did you know that when you make a vow or

5:20

an oath to someone else you are in

5:22

effect actually making a vow to god

5:25

because he lives inside of you

5:27

it is his nature that has been imprinted

5:29

and pressed into your soul

5:31

so everywhere that you go you're

5:33

carrying the light with you and so when

5:35

you give a bad representation of god

5:38

we're actually making his name void

5:40

we'll come back to that in just a second

5:42

as we deepen this understanding

5:44

deuteronomy 23 21 says when you make a

5:48

vow to the lord your god you shall not

5:49

delay to pay it to the lord your god for

5:52

he will surely require it of you and it

5:54

will be a sin to you

5:57

did you know how many times or i should

5:58

say do you know how many times we make

6:00

vows to god even the very vow of coming

6:03

to christ from the very beginning is a

6:05

vow

6:06

that is a covenant that we're promising

6:09

to be made in his image

6:11

we're an ambassador we're a servant we

6:13

are a representative of the most high

6:16

god

6:17

when we choose not to live our lives 100

6:19

for him we are drawing down his name

6:22

we're said to go to we're trying to lift

6:25

it up but we draw it down and make his

6:27

name no different than ours or anyone

6:30

else's

6:31

also in this particular scripture he

6:33

says that when we make a vow to him and

6:35

not keep it

6:37

he's going to require it of us anyway

6:39

for instance how many times do people

6:41

say i'm going to support the kingdom of

6:43

god through my tithes

6:44

i'm going to make sure that we grow the

6:46

kingdom and get behind ministries that

6:48

are doing that in their in their local

6:50

church or what have you

6:52

and then they don't do it and then

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somehow they have a medical problem

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their car breaks down they lose their

6:57

money anyway

6:58

here's the crazy part we never even know

7:00

that it's actually god fulfilling his

7:02

word requiring it of us anyway i know

7:06

that feeling i've made that very same

7:08

mistake

7:09

and then at the end of the week we say

7:11

or at the end of the year i can't afford

7:12

to give to god but the reality is

7:15

is all these things happen most likely

7:17

because we dropped the ball and we

7:19

didn't keep our covenants with the lord

7:21

and that's just one example when we make

7:23

a commitment to someone we need to keep

7:25

it our name is on the line and his name

7:28

more importantly is on the line

7:30

let's go over to matthew chapter 5 33-37

7:34

it says this many of you have heard that

7:36

it was said to those of old you shall

7:38

not swear falsely but shall perform your

7:41

olds to the lord

7:43

but i say to you do not swear at all

7:45

neither by heaven for it's god's throne

7:47

nor by earth for it's his footstool nor

7:49

by jerusalem for it's the city of the

7:51

great king

7:52

nor shall you swear by your head because

7:54

you cannot make one hair white or black

7:57

but let your yes be yes and your no be

7:59

no for everything else is the enemy

8:02

now let me ask a question is he

8:04

contradicting his own word

8:06

he just got finished saying that uh what

8:09

it looks like when we take an oath now

8:11

he's saying we shouldn't take an oath at

8:12

all certainly not there's no

8:14

contradiction in scripture there was

8:16

simply a problem in the first century of

8:18

people swearing on everything from the

8:20

capital jerusalem to the temple above to

8:23

the rabbi or to this rabbi that rabbi or

8:26

even to their dead grandmother there was

8:28

swearing on everybody's grave and

8:30

everybody's authority and everybody's

8:32

name including jerusalem itself

8:34

today don't we do the same thing when

8:36

someone challenges us don't some of us

8:39

swear on this and that and even swear to

8:41

god we should never have to invoke

8:43

someone else's nature you only invoke

8:46

someone else's nature when your nature

8:49

does not meet the bar or the standard

8:51

that it should reach

8:53

all we need to do is just tell the truth

8:56

you say yes or no and let people get

8:59

used to you just saying yes or no just

9:01

be honest all the time you'll never have

9:04

to swear on anything greater than your

9:05

own word

9:06

amen all right now let's get to the key

9:09

verse that really helps us with exodus

9:12

20 verse 7 and that's leviticus 19 12

9:15

it's sister verse

9:16

read it with me

9:18

it says you shall not swear by my name

9:21

falsely nor shall you profane the name

9:23

of your god i am the lord let's read it

9:26

one more time a bit slower it says you

9:28

shall not swear by my name falsely

9:32

nor shall you profane the name of your

9:34

god

9:35

i am the lord what is this saying this

9:37

is absolutely the parallel verse to the

9:39

third commandment detailing for us

9:41

exactly what he's talking about in

9:43

exodus 20.

9:45

when you make an oath you're bringing

9:46

god's name into the situation which if

9:48

you're a believer you're doing all the

9:50

time

9:51

every time we breathe we're breathing

9:53

god's name into that moment if we make a

9:56

promise and we break it we're making his

9:58

name worthless this is the actual real

10:01

meaning of the third commandment in

10:03

reality it should really be read this

10:05

way you shall not make god's name void

10:08

or common by making an oath or a promise

10:10

in his name and not keep it for the lord

10:13

will hold him accountable for making his

10:14

name no different than any other name

10:18

that's how this should be interpreted

10:20

based on the context of the original

10:21

language

10:22

we should not lift up god's name by

10:25

making an oath or commitment to someone

10:27

where our reputation and thus his is on

10:30

the line and then not fulfill that oath

10:33

when we do that we've made his name

10:35

worthless we've made it common we've

10:37

dropped it down and made it no different

10:38

than any other name

10:40

it means our name carries no value and

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when we do this because his name is

10:44

carried in our name it means we've made

10:47

his name of no value

10:49

as believers we're to take our time

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before making oaths and promises

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and when we do we're to keep those

10:55

covenants and vows

10:56

and therefore magnify the lord's name in

10:59

the process i've got one more thing i

11:01

want to share with you and i think it's

11:02

pretty cool right before we leave and

11:04

that is when we sign our name our

11:07

signature on any kind of contract or

11:09

covenant we're putting down more than

11:11

just our signature did you know that the

11:13

word signature is made up of two english

11:16

words sign and nature that's right when

11:19

you put down your signature when you buy

11:22

something on your credit card or

11:23

whatever you're putting down the sign of

11:25

your nature

11:27

you know when jesus yeshua died on a

11:29

cross for us

11:30

his blood was the sign of his nature

11:33

he showed us by cutting that covenant

11:35

which is what the hebrew word covenant

11:37

or brit literally means that god cut the

11:40

covenant and signed in his own blood

11:42

saying in effect this is my nature i'm

11:45

crucifying my flesh for you i'm going to

11:48

pay the debt that you owe

11:50

he made a promise and he kept it till

11:52

death the sign of his nature was life

11:55

what's the sign of your nature what are

11:57

you known by i encourage you to look

12:00

deeper into the third commandment and

12:01

ask yourself how much am i lifting up

12:03

the name of god by the way that i live

12:06

my life

12:07

is the sign of my nature worth the same

12:09

as the sign of his nature am i bannering

12:11

and representing his name correctly in

12:13

the earth realm or am i taking his name

12:16

in vain

12:17

let's keep our promises and live our

12:19

lives in such a way that we lift up his

12:21

name in the process if this video has

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blessed you i encourage you to watch

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this video and this video as well and

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channel and turn on those notifications

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so you don't miss a single video that we

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put out here at passion for true until

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then i'm jim staley and i'll see you

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in the next video