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How to take God seriously

You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name

Exodus

20:7

EDEN

Then God said “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

So God created mankind in his own image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

Genesis 1:26-27

BABEL

Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city,
with a tower that reaches to the heavens,
so that we may make a name for ourselves;
otherwise we will be scattered over
the face of the whole earth.”

Genesis 11:4

ABRAHAM

“I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you;
I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.
I will bless those who bless you,
and whoever curses you I will curse;
and all the people on earth will be blessed through you.”

Genesis 12:2-

ISRAELITES

The Lord said, “I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land...”

Exodus 3:7-8a

MOSES

But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?”

And God said, “I will be with you.

And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain.”

Moses said to God, “Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’

Then what shall I tell them?”

Exodus

3:11-15

MOSES

God said to Moses, “I am who I am.

This is what you are to say to the Israelites:

‘I am has sent me to you.’”

God also said to Moses, “Say to the Israelites,

‘The Lord, the 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,
the name you shall call me
from generation to generation.”

Exodus 3:11-

MT SINAI

‘Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant,
then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession.
Although the whole earth is mine,
you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’
These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites.”

Exodus 19:5-6

CHURCH

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood,
a holy nation, God's special possession,
that you may declare the praises of him
who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

Once you were not a people,
but now you are the people of God;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

1 Peter 2:9-12

CHURCH

Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles,
to abstain from sinful desires,
which wage war against your soul.
Live such good lives among the pagans that,
though they accuse you of doing wrong,
they may see your good deeds and glorify God
on the day he visits us.

1 Peter 2:9-12

JESUS

Therefore, God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue acknowledge that
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:9-11