Lord's Day 36 Name: _____

The Third Commandment has to do with the Names of God. This commandment also belongs to the first table of the Law, having to do with our loving and serving God directly. The Names of God are not merely words which identify, as our names do. God's Names reveal *who* and *what* He is. This means that God *is* His Names. When we use His Names, we very really touch God!

A. The sins which are prohibited.

1. List four ways in which this commandment is transgressed by profaning and abusing God's Names.

a. _____ b. _____

c. _____ d. _____

2. Fill in the following blanks:

a. List several Names of God. _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____.

b. List several Names of Christ. _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____.

c. We break the Third Commandment when we use God's attributes carelessly. God's attributes are His virtues or perfections: Goodness, etc. List some of these attributes that we misuse. _____, _____, _____, _____.

d. We also break this commandment when we use certain "variations" of the Names of God. List some of these variations: _____, _____, _____.

3. "By silence or connivance" means that we allow God's Names to be abused by others in our hearing. What ought a man to do if he works among such people?

a. First, _____.

b. If this does not help, he might even decide to _____ _____ for the good of his own soul.

4. The seriousness of the sin against the Third Commandment is shown us in Question and Answer 100.

a. What does God think of this sin? _____ _____

b. During Old Testament times, how was this sin punished? _____

_____ (See Leviticus 24:15, 16.)

c. God's wrath is also directed against those who do not _____

_____.

B. The positive keeping of the Third Commandment.

1. The beautiful Names of God must certainly be used by the Christian. List as many ways as you can in which these Names are properly used.

a. _____ b. _____

c. _____ d. _____

2. But always, God's Names are to be used with _____ and _____.

3. What are the three results of the proper use of God's Names?

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

4. What do you think of using *You* and *Your* in place of *Thee* and *Thy* when addressing God? _____

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