

Q 113. What are the sins forbidden in the third commandment?

A The sins forbidden in the third commandment are, the not using of God's name as is required;¹ and the abuse of it in an ignorant,² vain,³ irreverent, profane,⁴ superstitious,⁵ or wicked mentioning or otherwise using his titles, attributes,⁶ ordinances,⁷ or works,⁸ by blasphemy,⁹ perjury;¹⁰ all sinful cursings,¹¹ oaths,¹² vows,¹³ and lots;¹⁴ violating of our oaths and vows, if lawful,¹⁵ and fulfilling them, if of things unlawful;¹⁶ murmuring and quarreling at,¹⁷ curious prying into,¹⁸ and misapplying of God's decrees¹⁹ and providences;²⁰ misinterpreting,²¹ misapplying,²² or anyway perverting the Word, or any part of it,²³ to profane jests,²⁴ curious or unprofitable questions, vain janglings, or the maintaining of false doctrines;²⁵ abusing it, the creatures, or anything contained under the name of God, to charms,²⁶ or sinful lusts and practices;²⁷ the maligning,²⁸ scorning,²⁹ reviling,³⁰ or anywise opposing of God's truth, grace, and ways;³¹ making profession of religion in hypocrisy, or for sinister ends;³² being ashamed of it,³³ or a shame to it, by unconformable,³⁴ unwise,³⁵ unfruitful,³⁶ and offensive walking,³⁷ or backsliding from it.³⁸

1. Mal. 2:2. 2. Acts 17:23. 3. Prov. 30:9. 4. Mal. 1:6–7, 12; Mal. 3:14. 5. 1 Sam. 4:3–5; Jer. 7:4, 9–10, 14, 31; Col. 2:20–22. 6. 2 Kings 18:30, 35; Ex. 5:2; Ps. 139:20. 7. Ps. 50:16–17. 8. Isa. 5:12. 9. 2 Kings 19:22; Lev. 24:11. 10. Zech. 5:4; Zech. 8:17. 11. 1 Sam. 17:43; 2 Sam. 16:5. 12. Jer. 5:7; Jer. 23:10. 13. Deut. 23:18; Acts 23:12, 14. 14. Est. 3:7; Est. 9:24; Ps. 22:18. 15. Ps. 24:4; Ezek. 17:16, 18–19. 16. Mark 6:26; 1 Sam. 25:22, 32–34. 17. Rom. 9:14, 19–20. 18. Deut. 29:29. 19. Rom. 3:5, 7; Rom. 6:1–2. 20. Eccl. 8:11; Eccl. 9:3; Ps. 39. 21. Matt. 5:21–22, 27–28, 31–35, 38–39, 43–44. 22. Ezek. 13:22. 23. 2 Pet. 3:16; Matt. 22:24–31. 24. Isa. 22:13; Jer. 23:34, 36, 38. 25. 1 Tim. 1:4, 6–7; 1 Tim. 6:4–5, 20; 2 Tim. 2:14; Titus 3:9. 26. Deut. 18:10–14; Acts 19:13. 27. 2 Tim. 4:3–4; 1 Kings 21:9–10; Rom. 13:13–14. 28. Acts 13:45; 1 John 3:12. 29. Ps. 1:1; 2 Pet. 3:3. 30. 1 Pet. 4:4. 31. Acts 13:45–46, 50; Acts 4:18; 1 Thess. 2:16; Heb. 10:29; Acts 19:9. 32. 2 Tim. 3:5; Matt. 23:14; Matt. 6:1–2, 5, 16. 33. Mark 8:38. 34. Ps. 73:14–15. 35. Eph. 5:15–17; 1 Cor. 6:5–6. 36. Isa. 5:4; 2 Pet. 1:8–9. 37. Rom. 2:23–24. 38. Gal. 3:1, 3; Heb. 6:6.

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