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Topic: Do not profane the name of God – Part 1

Bible Reading: Ezekiel 13:17-23

Introduction

Profanity is something that is a sacrilege or irreligious behavior. It is something that is blasphemous or obscene. Today, many people in the world are profaning the name of the Lord through their speeches, acts, and thoughts. Even the Believers who are supposed to know better are treating the sacred name of God and His work with disrespect. The leaders of Christianity are breaking the covenant of God at an alarming rate; in a manner that is making the name of the Lord to be blasphemed, and the majority of them are failing to comply with the commandments of God.

Nowadays, profanity of the commandments of the Lord is rampant in the world despite the repercussions. People are profaning the name of God due to disobedience, or flimsy excuses. Most people on earth are godless and sacrilegious; whose acts are making the name of God to be blasphemed. The godless conduct of humans not only makes the name of God to be profaned, but it is making them lose their birthright to inherit the kingdom of heaven.

Whoever that is violating the commands of the Lord is spiritually selling his/her future blessings and glory to the Devil. Are you worldly-minded? Are you unspiritual and ready to trade your rights as a Believer? Be careful, so that you will not fall into impurity, or lose your reverence for the things of God; else His name will be profaned through you. Make sure the cunningness of Satan does not make you trade away God's lifelong gift; in order to satisfy a short-term appetite, or momentary pleasure.

People are defiling the Sabbath: Humans are defiling the Sabbath at an exponential rate. The majority of people across the globe have

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turned the Sabbath to a social day; whereby they are profaning the Sabbath. Today, Satan is using the pleasures and the glittering of the world to make the Believers ignore the laws of the Lord, and defile the Sabbath. Even the Christians are rejecting the commands of the Lord despite their confession; because their acts are contrary to their declaration or confession. They are violating the Sabbath continuously due to their conduct, utterances, and thoughts.

Mankind is rebelling against their Creator, and they are turning against Him. They are defying God by not living by His rules; which if anyone keeps; such a person will live. Satan is waging the last battle by turning people against their Maker, and provoking Him by desecrating His Sabbath. The Bible attested to this fact by saying, "...They despised My judgments and did not walk in My statutes, but profaned My Sabbaths; for their heart went after their idols." **Ezekiel 20:16**. Are you profaning the name of God in any way, or violating His Sabbath? Change before it is too late.

It is time for you to speak out against this misconduct; let people realize that the evil they are doing is an insult to the Sabbath. Inasmuch, as going to church does not mean you are not profaning the Sabbath; enlighten people to beware of what they say, what they talk about, and conduct themselves virtuously whenever they are in the sanctuary of God; most especially on the Sabbaths. You need to emulate Nehemiah who confronted the leaders of Judah concerning this issue. The Bible corroborated this fact by saying, "Then I contended with the nobles of Judah, and said to them 'What evil thing is this that you do, by which you profane the Sabbath day.'" **Nehemiah 13:17**. Now that you know that it is evil to defile the Sabbath; do not profane the name of God and anything that concerns Him.

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Many people despise holy things

Countless people throughout the world are ignoring the Laws and teachings of the Lord. Numerous people are despising and rejecting the ordinance of God, yet they expect Him to cater for them. Most people are not following the statutes of the Lord, and they despise His divine Laws for living well that He had commanded. Many people around the globe have passion for criticizing, twisting, and defying the rules of the Lord.

The situation has degenerated to the extent that most of the people who go to church on the Sabbath are profaning it; because their hearts are clustered with lustful or sinful things. It should be noted that if you keep the Sabbath while your mind is focused on the vanities of this world; you are violating the Sabbath; according to the scripture which says, “.... they despised My judgment and did not walk in My statutes, but profaned my Sabbaths; for their heart went after their idols.” **Ezekiel 20:16**.

Are you one of those who refuse to obey the rules of God? Are you breaking the Laws of God? Do you go to church to keep the Sabbath or dishonor it? You must stop treating the sacred things with contempt, or desecrating the Sabbaths; as it is written, “You have despised My holy things and profaned My Sabbaths.” **Ezekiel 22:8**. Therefore, reconcile with Your Creator before it is too late.

Learn from the mistakes of your ancestors: Mankind needs to learn from the mistakes of their ancestors by stopping disobeying the laws of God, or ignoring His teachings. It is time to start observing the ordinances of the Lord, and never reject His statutes or profane His Sabbaths. If you don't want the same fate that befell your ancestors to

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happen to you; never dishonors or disgrace the Sabbaths. Obedience is what will make you avoid the penalties paid by your forefathers. Hence, do not remain addicted to materialistic things that have caused the downfall of the brave people. The Bible corroborated this fact by saying, “..... They had not executed My judgments, but had despised My statutes, profaned My Sabbaths, and their eyes were fixed on their fathers’ idols.” **Ezekiel 20:24.** You must cease scorning the decrees of the Lord by violating His Sabbaths.

Do not pollute the sanctuary and the Sabbaths: You need to check yourself if you are doing outrageous things that are defiling the temple of God. What obscenities are you doing that is polluting your church, and dishonoring the Sabbaths? Are you attending church services to defile it and violate the Sabbaths? In what manners are you turning your church to an unfit place to worship God? ‘Turn a new leaf’ before the wrath of God comes upon you; according to the Bible passage which says, “Moreover they have done this to Me. They have defiled My Sanctuary on the same day and profaned My Sabbaths.” **Ezekiel 23:38.** Remember, it is your duty to keep the temple clean and keep the Sabbaths holy,

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God promised not to forsake His people

Almighty God has chosen the Believers to be His people, and He will always take care of them; so that everyone will know how great is our Lord. God will not abandon or reject the Christians, as long as they do what is right; because it pleased Him to make them His special people. The Lord will not leave nor forsake the Beloved for His name's sake; therefore, the Believers must do whatever it entails, to see that the name of God is not profaned. The Bible corroborated this fact by saying "For the Lord will not forsake His people, for His great name's sake, because it has pleased the Lord to make you His people." **1 Samuel 12:22**. Hence, cease doing things that are profaning the name of God, and start doing things that will make Him to be delighted in you.

Keeping commands will make you special: Today, the Lord has declared that Christians are His treasured possession, just as He promised; but they must keep His commandments. You must obey the Lord; before you can be called a Child of God. Do not be deceived, God will neither affirm or accept the disobedient people as His peculiar treasure. As it is written, "Also today, the Lord has proclaimed you to be His special people, just as He promised you, that you should keep all His commandments." **Deuteronomy 26:18**. Are you keeping the commands of the Lord or you are profaning His name?

Remember, you cannot continue in sin and expect the promises of God to be fulfilled in your life. If you keep on profaning the name of the Lord; His favor and mercy cannot overflow in your life. Do not join the people who continue to sin according to the dictate of their hearts, and see how far they can exploit the grace of God. Unless you abstain from defiling the name of God, His grace cannot multiply in your life;

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according to the scripture which says, “What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?” **Romans 6:1**. Are you exploiting the grace of God? Flee from sin, if you want to prosper physically and spiritually.

God is acting with restraint

The rate that the Christians throughout the world are defiling the name of God is alarming. But God always acts with restraint for His name’s sake; so that it will not be blasphemed. Many people think it is their worthiness that makes things happen in their lives; but they are wrong, God made things happen because of His name’s sake. Inasmuch as God is slow to anger together with concern for His reputation; He is restraining Himself dealing with the erring Christians; lest the Gentiles laugh at His holy name. The Bible attested to this fact by saying, “But I acted for my name’s sake that it should not be profaned before the Gentiles among whom they were, in whose sight I had made Myself known to them, to bring them out of the land of Egypt.” **Ezekiel 20:9**.

God is acting to evoke honor: God is acting in a way that will evoke honor and not blasphemy from the unbelievers who had witnessed His awesome power revealed in the lives of the Christians. Had it been that God has acted without restraint; it would have brought dishonor to His name. Therefore, He is acting to protect the honor of His name, in order for it not to be profaned, or disgraced. Christians deserve to be punished for their sins, especially for profaning the name of God; but the Lord is treating them in a way that will bring honor to His name. God is acting to protect His honor; so, He is not dealing with Believers as their wicked actions deserve; instead, they are blessed despite their wickedness. The Book of Ezekiel affirmed this fact by saying, “Then you shall know that I am the Lord, when I have dealt with you for My name’s sake, not according to your wicked ways nor according to your corrupt doings, O house of Israel, says the Lord God.” **Ezekiel 20:44**.

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God defers His anger: God defer His anger for the sake of His reputation; Christians, are not appreciating or praising the Lord for not punishing them; instead, the Believers are always complaining. It is complaints upon complaints concerning their situation. The Lord patiently holds back and controls His anger; in order for people to praise and not blaspheme His name. For the sake of His name, God keep a tight rein on His anger and hold His temper; in order not to destroy the Christendom; according to the Bible passage which says, “For My name’s sake I will defer My anger, and for My praise I will restrain it from you, so that I do not cut you off.” **Isaiah 48:9.** What efforts are you making for God not to wash His hands off you? Stop all your complaints, and start praising the Lord; if you do not want to be wiped off; whatever the circumstance, do not profane the name of God.

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Many pastors are defiling the name of God

Today, many pastors are worshiping their stomachs and bragging about the disgusting things they are doing publicly. They are proud of what they ought to be ashamed of, because they are concerned primarily about the things of this world. The god of most priests is their worldly appetite, together with their sensuality and vanity; thereby profaning the name of God. These pastors whose god is their bodily desires, and this world is the limit of their horizon are defiling the name of God at an alarming rate; these fake ministers of God will end up in hell, unless they change; according to the scripture which says, “whose end is destruction whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame—who set their mind on earthly things.” **Philippians 3:19**. Hence, all the priests must honor the name of God, instead of defiling it; else their fate is eternal misery (perdition).

These pastors are not serving the Lord but their base desires. The trick of these corrupt priests is to deceive the innocent and naive using smooth and flattering speech. Any pastor who is utilizing ingratiating speech to beguile the unsuspecting and simpleminded people is dishonest. Those priests that are using fancy talk to fool people who do not know any better are not serving the Lord but their stomachs. You must beware of the priests who are using fine words with plausible and attractive arguments; else you will be deceived. The Bible corroborated this fact by saying, “For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple.” **Romans 16:18**. Do not forget that these corrupt priests are serving their personal interest, and they are after what they can get out of any situation. Therefore, be wise; never allow anyone to use pious sweet

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talk to dupe you. Do not be a victim of these pastors that are using glowing words to deceive people.

The majority of the priests throughout the world are not honest, because they are only after gains, or profit. These priests are concerned about their welfare and benefits; so, they are giving messages that are insulting the name of God. Nowadays, most pastors are ready to sentence the innocent to death, and help the guilty go free; just to make ends meet. Many of these pastors are colluding with the politicians to defraud their nations, and embezzle funds in the treasuries of their countries. These priests will keep silent, instead of speaking out against injustice committed in their Nations, or around the globe. Because of morsel and their needs, these pastors are misleading the gullible people, and dishonoring God by their utterances and acts without thinking about nemesis. The Book of Ezekiel attested to this fact by saying, "And will you profane Me among My people for handfuls of barley and for pieces of bread, killing people who should not die, and keeping people alive who should not live, by your lying to My people who listen to lies?" **Ezekiel 13:19.** Whoever that is perverting justice is profaning the name of the Lord, and anyone who is deceiving people is dishonoring the Holy name of God.

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Priests must abstain from desecrating the things of God

The pastors throughout the world must stop ignoring the instructions of the Lord to suit their situation, and they must not violate His teachings. It is a common occurrence to see the priests breaking the Laws of God without exhibiting remorse. The majority of these priests have no respect for what is holy in the churches, or on the mountains, and they are defiling them.

Not only did these pastors refuse to honor the sacred things of the Lord, but they did not teach their congregations the difference between what is holy and what is ordinary. Many pastors are failing in their responsibilities to teach their members to distinguish between what is clean and what is unclean; because things of God are not important more than any of their daily tasks.

Today, the pastors are contemptuous of the holy Sabbaths of the Lord, and they are disregarding these Days of Rest of God. The nefarious acts of the priests are making Almighty God to be profaned and dishonored among the Christendom. The Bible attested to this fact by saying, “Her priests have violated my law and profaned My holy things, they have not distinguished between the holy and the unholy, nor have they made known the difference between the unclean and the clean, and they have hidden their eyes from My Sabbaths, so that I am profaned among them.” **Ezekiel 22:26**. Can you testify that the pastors in your church are not profaning the holy things of God? Are they teaching you the difference between sacred things and unclean things?

Despicable acts in the churches: Today, most of the pastors are devoted to desecration, and the temple of the Lord is not spared.

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Many of the priests or prophets are wicked and ungodly; to the extent that they are performing their despicable acts in the vineyard of the Lord. These godless pastors are not even afraid to carry out their atrocities in the churches, forgetting that the eye of the Lord is watching them.

These selfish pastors think that they are better and important than they really are. They always think highly of themselves, why they think so little of the Lord. These false priests are committing various sins in the temple of the Lord, according to the scriptures which says, "For both prophet and priest are profane, Yes, in My house I have found their wickedness, says the Lord." **Jeremiah 23:11**. Are the pastors in your church committing heinous acts? Do you think the priests in your church are godless, or they are godly?

In the beginning God instructed the priests to be careful with the offerings and gifts dedicated to Him; so that they will not profane His holy name. God demands that pastors honor His holy name by showing proper respect for the offerings brought to Him. Nowadays, pastors are not cautious, or deal respectfully with sacred donations of the people; instead, they are bringing shame on the holy name of the Lord, by converting the gifts to their properties, for personal use.

It is rampant in the world today, for pastors to steal, or embezzle the church funds, despite the instructions and warnings from the Lord. People are defiling the name of God by their misconduct in the churches and public places. The Bible corroborated this fact by saying, "Speak to Aaron and his sons, that they separate themselves from the holy things of the children of Israel, and that they do not profane My holy name by what they dedicate to Me. I am the Lord." **Leviticus 22:2**. Everything in this publication is not limited to the pastors or priests, so you too must not bring disgrace on the holy name of your Creator.

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The chosen must not defile themselves

The Believers must sanctify and set themselves apart in order not to defile themselves; because they are the chosen of the Lord. Inasmuch as God has chosen the Christians out of all the nations of the world to be His special possession; it is compulsory for them not to profane the name of the Lord, but keep themselves holy. The Beloved must be dedicated to the Lord, and abstain from anything that can defile His holy name; because they are His cherished treasure. The Bible affirmed this fact by saying, “For you are a holy people to the Lord your God, the Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth.” **Deuteronomy 7:6**. You belong to the Lord; therefore, flee from whatever that can profane the holy name of God.

Remember that God rescued you for a purpose from the darkness that is making your life unbearable. The Lord snatched you from the clutches of Satan; so that you will sanctify yourself, and be useful for His glory. God delivered you from your problems, so that He will be your God; therefore, you must be holy, because He is holy. Do not defile yourself, or profane the name of God; instead keep yourself holy, just as God is holy. The Bible attested to this fact by saying, “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 only way to please the Lord who saved you is to sanctify yourself, and refrain from profaning the things of the Lord.

It is for this reason that God instructed the people of Israel to be holy; because He Himself is holy. If God is holy, don't you think you ought to be holy to walk with Him? Do you think God will be delighted in you, if you are defiled? Don't you think it is essential to imitate Your Creator

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by keeping yourself holy? The Book of Leviticus corroborated this fact by saying, “Speak to all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say to them; ‘You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.’ ”

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Hence, dedicate yourself to God and be holy because He is holy. It is inevitable for you to live a holy life, if you want to be a special treasure of God. Since God is holy, you must set yourself apart to be holy; if you want your prayers to be answered; according to the scripture which says, “Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am the Lord your God.” **Leviticus 20:7.** Anyone that does not keep himself/herself holy is a disobedient person, and such an individual cannot come into the presence of the Lord. Do not forget that defiling yourself, or profaning the things of God will make Him turn His back on you.

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Your acts must not profane the name of God.

Your actions must not profane the name of God, and any step that you are taking should bring honor to the name of your Creator. The behaviors of the Believers must not make the name of God to be blasphemed, and Christians throughout the world must conduct themselves in ways acceptable to the Lord. Therefore, do not allow your culture or tradition to profane the things of the Lord. You must not condone profanity, and you have no excuse to provoke the Lord to anger. Beware, so that the name of the Lord will not be blasphemed through your deeds, speeches, and conduct. It is time for you to cease doing things that will disgrace your Maker and profane His holy name. The Bible cautioned about this sinful activity by saying, “And you shall not let any of your descendants pass through fire to Molech, nor shall you profane the name of your God; I am the Lord.” **Leviticus 18:21.** Blaspheming the name of God is not limited to idolatry; so, you need to stop all your atrocities, and nefarious activities before you can be acceptable to God.

Never misuse the name of God: Do not misuse the name of God by making promises you don't intend to keep. Whenever you are telling lies, or you are using the name of God to make false promises; you are profaning the holy name of the Lord. Every form of deception shows that you don't respect the name of God. You must stop disgracing the name of God, and dishonoring the name of your Creator by your dishonest utterances, or speeches. Inasmuch as God detests every form of falsehood; let all your activities be performed with honesty and transparency; according to the scripture which says, “And you shall not swear by My name falsely, nor shall you profane the name of your God: I am the Lord.” **Leviticus 19:12.** Stop bringing shame on the name of your God, and profaning His sacred things

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God demands respect from humanity; so, do not disgrace His holy name. You must never treat the name of God with reverence, or contempt. The name of God must not be used as a byword; instead, show respect for His holy name. You must revere and hallow Almighty God who made you holy to Himself and rescued you from your troubles. If the heavens are honoring the name of God; then you must never desecrate His holy name, because the Lord will display His holiness among the nations of the world.

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Leviticus 22:32. Do not bring shame on the holy name of God, but honor it among the earthlings. Do not treat the name of God as a worthless thing; instead, consecrate it throughout the world. Inasmuch as the name of God must be revered by mankind; the Believers must not disgrace His holy name. It is the duty of the Christians to acknowledge that God is holy, and they must keep themselves holy too. For this reason, you must not treat God as common and ordinary, but revere and hallow Him. Hence, do not desecrate the holy name of God; because He will display His holiness among humanity.

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