

SWEARING

From Exodus 20:7; Deut. 5:11 we learn the Lord's name is not to be taken in vain. The word "vain" implies foolishness, fruitlessness, ineffectuality, etc. Some Bible translations render the word as "vanity" or "falsehood". Obviously His name is often used profanely. All the definitions embrace much of what man calls cursing or swearing. Those who indulge will not be held guiltless (Deut. 5:11). How much better to call upon His name for salvation (Romans 10:13), and to give thanks in His name (Eph. 5:20).

Heb. 11:6 indicates that those who seek God will find Him. It is through the Word of God (Romans 10:17). The doing of His will for salvation is told in John 6:28, 29.

Is cursing God forgivable? Except for the sin of unbelief, believers are capable of performing any sin. There is some discussion of cursing God, in Job 1:1 - 2:10. Note the piety of Job relative to knowledge of forgiveness in 1:5 (without doubt there was spiritual teaching by Job to the sons also). Read also of Peter, who was "afar off" (out of fellowship), and who denied the Lord three times with oaths and curses (Luke 22:54-62). He, of course, was restored and forgiven. And so can the same be true of Christians who sin today. See Prov. 28:13; 1 John 1:9. 1 John 1:7 tells of cleansing and forgiveness for all sin. The verse in Proverbs speaks of confessing and forsaking (cut it out).

Joel 2:25 - Are sin marred and broken lives hopeless, as far as Christian service is concerned? Not according to Him, who is eternal (and who reckons not only of time as does man, but rather of His unlimited and sovereign power).