

THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

"...ye should earnestly contend for the faith..."(Jude 3)

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SUNDAY SERVICE

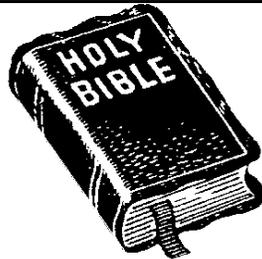
Bible Class: 9:30
AM Worship: 10:15
PM Worship: 1:00

WEDNESDAY

Bible Class: 7:00pm

Ladies Bible Class

Tuesdays: 10:00am



A Message To Our Visitors

It is our privilege to have you visiting with us today. Please know that you are our honored guest. Please let us get to know you, and fill out an attendance card so we can have record of you being here. Please return to be with us again at your earliest opportunity. If you have questions or would like to study the Bible with us, please let us know. Thanks again for visiting with us, and may God continue to bless you according to His divine purpose.



THOSE TO SERVE

Announcements:

Bill Vincent

Lead Singing:

Bradley Smith

Opening Prayer:

Andy Johnson

Scripture Reading:

Mitchell Smith

Lord's Table

Richard Price
Kevin Smith
Richard Jones
Johnny Downs

Closing Prayer:

Chris Smith

Greeters (East)

Amber & Boys

Greeters (West)

Helen and Peggy B

LESSONS

AM: How Long Halt Ye
Between Two Opinions

Scripture reading:

1Kings 18:17-39

PM: Purity of Heart

Scripture reading:

2Corinthians 6:1-10

TAKING THE LORD'S NAME IN VAIN

By Kyle Butt

Any person who has earnestly read the Bible understands that God's Word has much to say about how we use our words. God condemns gossip (1 Timothy 5:12-13), lying (Ephesians 4:25), filthy talking (Ephesians 5:4), and a host of other detrimental uses of language. On the other hand, He commends building others up (Ephesians 4:29), telling the truth (Ephesians 4:25), preaching the Gospel (Matthew 28:18-20), and a plethora of other constructive uses of our words. In truth, the power of death and life are in the tongue (Proverbs 18:21). It can be used to save, encourage, and build up, or it can be used to kill, destroy, and tear down.

One of the things that the Bible has consistently denounced is the taking of the Lord's name in vain. In fact, one of the Ten Commandments in the Old Testament states: "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain" (Exodus 20:7). The word "vain" means "for no reason" or "useless." Thus, God was instructing the Israelites to avoid using His name in a useless, disrespectful way. Instead, the Israelites were supposed to revere the name of God and use it in a serious, considerate way. Many of the ancient Israelites were so respectful of the name of God that they would not even pronounce it or write it for fear of using it in vain. Those who did write it would often throw away the quill they had used, because they thought that any quill that had written God's name was holy and should not be used for regular words.

While it is true that the Ten Commandments in their original form are not binding on people today (Lyons, 2001), it is also true that God continues to be serious about the vain use of His name. In Matthew 12:36-37, Jesus explained: "But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. For by your words you will be justified and by your words you will be condemned." While Jesus' warning against idle words is broader than just using the Lord's name in vain, it certainly would include that as well.

Unfortunately, many today no longer respect God's name. Not only does the skeptical community misuse and abuse God's name, many of those within Christendom have lost respect for His name as well. One of the most common abuses of God's name is the exclamation, "Oh my God." This phrase is used by millions of people every day who give no thought to God when they are using His name. They say these words in an idle, useless, vain way that shows contempt for God. Both the Old and New Testaments (Colossians 3:8) explain to us that God views this as a sin and will not hold him guiltless who uses His name in such a way. Another common way the Lord's name is abused is in statements of exclamation, such as "Good Lord," or "Lord, no," or "Lord, have mercy." Unfortunately, many who understand the fact that the phrase, "Oh my God" is using the Lord's name in vain, fail to see that saying "Good Lord," without thinking about the Lord, is equally wrong. Notice that Exodus 20:7 says not to take the name of "the Lord your God in vain." That verse includes both the terms "Lord" and "God."

Since the Bible explains that Satan is the "god of this world," it only makes sense that he would incorporate things into culture that are sinful and wrong. The cultural acceptance of the phrases "Oh my God," "Good Lord," "Lord have mercy," and a host of vain uses of the Lord God's name is exactly what we should expect from the world's sinful culture. We should remember, however, that Christians are not to conform them-selves to the sinful mold of this world (Romans 12:1-2). Instead, Christians are called to live a life of reverence to God and obedience to His Word. Let us all carefully consider what comes out of our mouths and determine that we will not use the Lord God's name in vain.

—<http://www.apologeticspress.org/APContent.aspx?category=7&article=3522>.

[Editor's Note: The teaching in this article would also apply to the various euphemisms for God or Jesus such as "gosh—golly—gee—jeez" "heck" for hell, and substitutions for various curse words (which I refuse to include here because of their vulgarity) that have originated in recent years which seem to be weaker but actually mean the same thing. When one researches the origin of such euphemisms he sees an **unsuccessful attempt** to water down and use words that are less offensive than those for which they are a substitute. *"Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers"* (Ephesians 4:29).

Birthdays & Anniversaries

⇒ Eddie and Judy Black (12th)

Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Ephesians and Philippians
 - ⇒ **Team: Team 1 meets today**
 - ⇒ **Area events:** Please see bulletin board for more info. Several meetings, singings, and Bible schools are coming up in our area.
 - ⇒ **Personal invitation handouts** are available . Please make sure to take some and handout or leave with a tip, and invite someone to our service!
 - ⇒ **50th Anniversary Calibration:** Will be held on 12-7 for Eddie and Judy Black at the CFSB center (Murray room)
 - ⇒ **New Years Eve:** A fellowship will follow Wednesday night Bible study on 12-31 to bring in the new year!
 - ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Cake Frosting
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Prayer/Sick List

- ⇒ Debbie Smith (Kevin's sister-in-law-cancer)
- ⇒ Greg Black (Kathy Black's son)
- ⇒ Loretta Haley (cancer)
- ⇒ David Edwards (Josh Fulcher's uncle-cancer)
- ⇒ Billy Irvan
- ⇒ Jana Ward (cancer)
- ⇒ Todd Walker
- ⇒ Trudy Smith
- ⇒ Hazel Brandon
- ⇒ Mae Downs
- ⇒ Norma & Hyland Darnell
- ⇒ Wanda Riley (Josh Fulcher's Aunt)
- ⇒ James McAbee
- ⇒ Dorothy McNeely (Richard Adams' sister, has cancer)
- ⇒ Derek Adams (Richard Adams' grandson, has leukemia)
- ⇒ Mallory Harrison Berry (friend of Stembridges, has brain cancer)
- ⇒ Richard & Rachel Guill
- ⇒ Whitney Tucker
- ⇒ Ima Barnes
- ⇒ Tammy Smith
- ⇒ Tonya Jones
- ⇒ Lashell Jones
- ⇒ Nat Evans (Randall's father—surgery Monday)
- ⇒ Jordan Hobbs (surgery)
- ⇒ Remember all who will be traveling this holiday season.
- ⇒ Continue to remember all those who have lost loved ones this year

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

Hear the Word
(Rom 10:17)

Believe the Word
(John 8:24)

Repent
(Luke 13:3)

Confess Christ
(Rom 10:10)
(Acts 8:37)

Be Baptized
(Acts 2:38)
(Acts 22:16)

Remain Faithful
(Rev 2:10)
(Acts 8:12-24)

Heaven can be your
home if you obey God!
(Heb 5:8-9)

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christ.org](http://www.coldwaterchurchofchrist.org). You will find
bulletins, sermon outlines,
and other helpful links
and material.



HOW LONG HALT YE BETWEEN TWO OPINIONS?

How many prophets of Baal did Elijah go up against in 1Kings 18? _____

What was the challenge issued? _____

What was the result of the challenge? _____

What was the purpose of this challenge? _____

1. The World Is Full Of People Who Halt Between Two Things.

a. Can we serve God and the world too? _____

b. Do some serve God just to be seen by man? _____ Does God accept this? _____

c. Can one serve God and the world? _____

Notes: _____

2. Taking A Stand Can Mean Confrontation.

a. Who all confronted Elijah? _____

b. List at least two people in the NT who faced dangerous situations: _____

c. What will we suffer if we live godly in this world? _____

d. List ways we face confrontations today: _____

Notes: _____

3. Our Final Confrontation.

a. Was Elijah ready for his meeting with God? _____

b. Who does Christ tell us that we should fear? _____

c. Who will be at this final meeting with God? _____

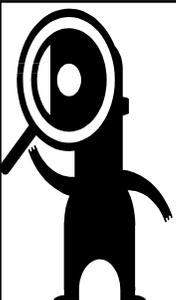
d. What will this final confrontation be? _____

e. What will we be judged by? _____

f. Will this be a good day or a bad day and explain? _____

Notes: _____

What is the most important choice we can make? _____



Bible question: Who questioned Job about the cornerstone of the earth?

Last week's answer: Gaza (Amos 1:6-9)

Those answering: Kay Robertson, Linda Jones, Peggy Newsome, Clemmie Black, Helen Tidwell, Rachel Adams