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Letter to the Church (Blasphemy) – (Ken Walston - Kenna Outreach Ministries)

Take this as a friendly and loving gesture; but one of stern warning from the Spirit of God.

Blasphemy comes in many different forms and for many different reasons. Sometimes it's because the person saying the blasphemy isn't aware that it is such an act. Other times it is a deliberate action of total disregard towards God in His Majesty and Glory. Many people have such hatred towards God that they love saying things that demeanor Him and willfully continue to do so repeatedly at any occasion. In many instances, the blasphemy is just part of the person's profanity, what they would consider a phrase which is not bad cursing or insulting to others, mildly affective in releasing their frustrations.

In the Written Word of God (The Judeo-Christian Bible), ADONAI gave mankind His Law by which He holds all people accountable from the time He gave them to Moses. A Covenant between God and his Chosen People was made with Abraham and passed to Moses under the Law of Sanctification and is binding forever. It, the Law (*Torah*) lets man forever know that in his flesh is a constant and unforgiving state of sin. It is the outcome of man's disobedience towards God from the very beginning of man's free-standing and rebellious nature and continues to this very day. This (*Torah*), called ADONAI's Mitzvah (Ten Commandments), are reflective of the general nature of God's Will for man to always be in tune and obedient too. It is and will be the major part of what God judges a person against (His Standard) when He Judges all of the human creation at the Great White Throne Judgment (Revelation 20:11-15).

The 3rd of these Ten Commandment states; "*Do not use My Name in Vain (for evil purposes), for I, the Lord your God (ADONAI), will punish anyone who misuses My Name*."
In this complete context, the reference to "*My Name*" is the only identity God makes to His Being, and the Majesty of His Holiness. The only thing His People had was a term used from the original reference that He gave Moses as to who He was when Moses asked The Lord; "*who shall I tell the people sent me?"*, and the Lord's answer to Moses was, "I AM that I AM! Tell them therefore that I AM sent you." (Exodus 3:14). Because God was reverenced above all things and could not be equated to anything that man could conceive, this word "I AM" in Hebrew given by God was a specific Name which translates in their tongue as *YAHWEH* (four Hebrew Consonants 'YHWH' Yod, Hey, Vav, Hey - YaHaWah), this is God's sacred, personal identity (Extremely Holy). It expresses His Essence and Personality to His Creation. The Letters comprise a word that would transliterate into "*The Sovereign Lord*" or "*The Lord*". It was so Holy that no one could write or speak it, therefore another word had to be devised which would make up the essence of the transliterated consonants and could be spoken and used by the common man. This became *ADONAI* (the Lord God). When the four consonants of *YAHWEH* were to be written down in text as Scripture, the word *ADONAI was* used, only chosen Scribes from the Tribe of Levi could be the text writer, and they had to completely wash themselves each time before scribing the four consonants. The context of the 3rd Commandment was intended and understood to be that Holy.

The Law was not meant to cleanse man from his sin; but rather to remind man of his sin and that he needed God to constantly forgive him. This was accomplished through the Law's mandatory processes of temporary redemption and cleansing through ritual performances and a stand-in replicate (the Temple) and earthly representative of God (the High Priest). All of this was to remind and demonstrate the Holy Nature and Being of God and how far out of reach man truly was with

Him. Only through temporal means could man be in somewhat good standing with God and not be killed or destroyed by God Himself. Without the Temple and the Law, there was no representative for man with God. Nothing could reach, touch or commune with God at the level of his Holiness except through these means, and nothing was able to please God in His forgiveness of man's disobedience, nor the retraction of His curse against man which was Death due to the act of sin and the nature of sin in all man's flesh.

The term *ADONAI* was not what God would give to man as a possession of His Name or the essence of His Mercy towards man. That would be for a later time, under a New Covenant that the Lord God, as the image of "The Father" (YAHAWAH), would give to all mankind, through the Priestly and Royal Line of His Chosen People and establish His Name forever.

The importance of God establishing His Name with Mankind was to give man a means of approaching His Holiness and receive both Mercy and Forgiveness in a permanent way. Unlike man where our names identify us to three-dimensional characteristics and give us recognizable individuality; God is Spirit and beyond the dimensional characteristics of our human senses. From the very beginning when the Lord God created all things, both in Heaven and the physical universe, He did so by taking a vow unto His Own Name and commanded them into being through His Word. "The Word" was in fact one-in-the-same as Himself (Elohim), the complete essence of God in Spirit and Being.

It is through "The Word" that everything was created and how all substance which is physical (seen and unseen) came into being. It is through "The Word" that God would fulfill the promises of the First Covenant with Abraham and reconcile mankind unto Himself from the bondage of sin and condemnation of the Law. It is through "The Word" that God revealed His Holy and Eternal Name and would sanctify all mankind unto Himself and bridge the gap between death and His Holiness and afford man Eternal Life. God bridged that gap by sending us "The Word" in the form of a man (the God Man) who would give us that Eternal Life through His Name and be the only sacrifice that would be fulfilling and completely sanctified unto God as a sacrifice worthy of His Sin Offering in accordance with His Law. *"In the beginning was The Word, and The Word was with God, and The Word was God!"* (John 1:1-3). "The Word" became flesh and was given to us as the Son of God and His Name would be the only source of our forgiveness. So Holy is His Name, that it is above all things in Heaven and on Earth and in the Underworld. He sits at the Right Hand of the Power of God (The Father) and is the Judge of all mankind.

God has declared that His Son be the Savior of the world and that His Name is the only source of power which can call upon The Father in fulfilling the Will of God. The Name of the Son of God is the fulfillment of the 3rd Commandment of God. The Name of the Son of God is in Hebrew *Yeshua* HaMashiach, and in Christian English *Jesus* the Christ, all of whom refers to the Lord and God (1John 5:19-20).

Any use of this Name other than to Praise, Honor or Glorify God is indeed a blasphemy and requires the individual who is dishonoring it to consider the profound context of judgment ruling against them.

"For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, so that whomsoever should believe in Him (His Name), should not die but have Eternal Life." (John 3:16)

And Yeshua said, *"I will do whatever you ask for in My Name, so that the Father's Glory will be shown through the Son. If you ask me for anything in My Name, I will do it."* (John 14:13-14)

Please consider this the next time you choose a name or a phrase to expound your profanity or release unconscious frustration openly.