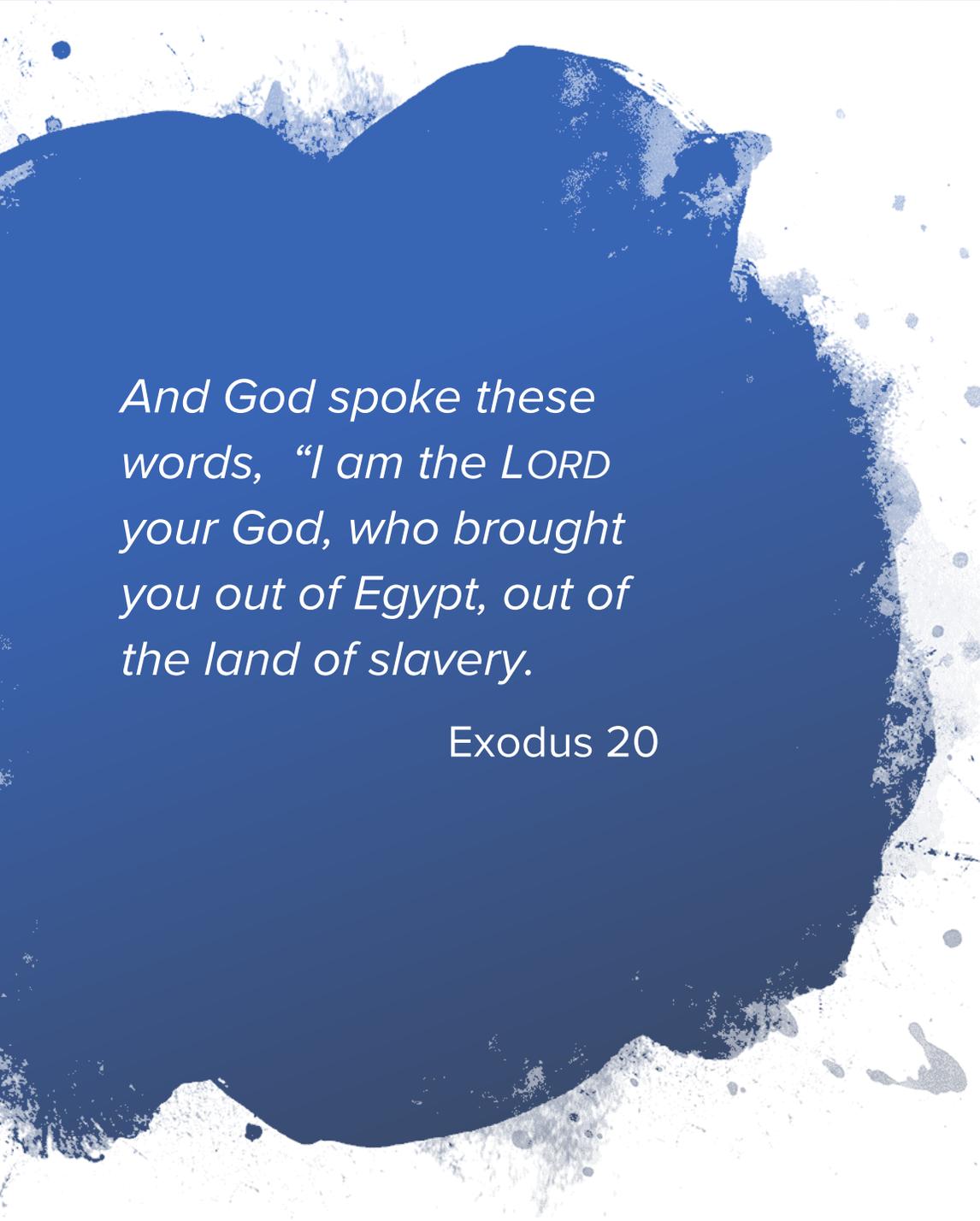
An aerial, high-angle view of a dense city skyline, likely New York City, with numerous skyscrapers and buildings. The image is rendered in a light, monochromatic blue-grey tone. A horizontal rectangular frame with a vibrant, multi-colored border (resembling a rainbow or a colorful, abstract pattern) is centered across the middle of the image. Inside this frame, the text "10 WORDS OF GRACE" is displayed in a bold, sans-serif font. Each letter of the text is filled with a different, colorful, abstract pattern, creating a vibrant contrast with the muted background.

10 WORDS OF GRACE



*And God spoke these words, “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.*

Exodus 20

1. God aligns Himself with them:
  - “I am the LORD, **your** God...”
2. God reveals Himself to them:
  - “**I brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.**”

Exodus 3 - God speaking to Moses  
in the Burning Bush.

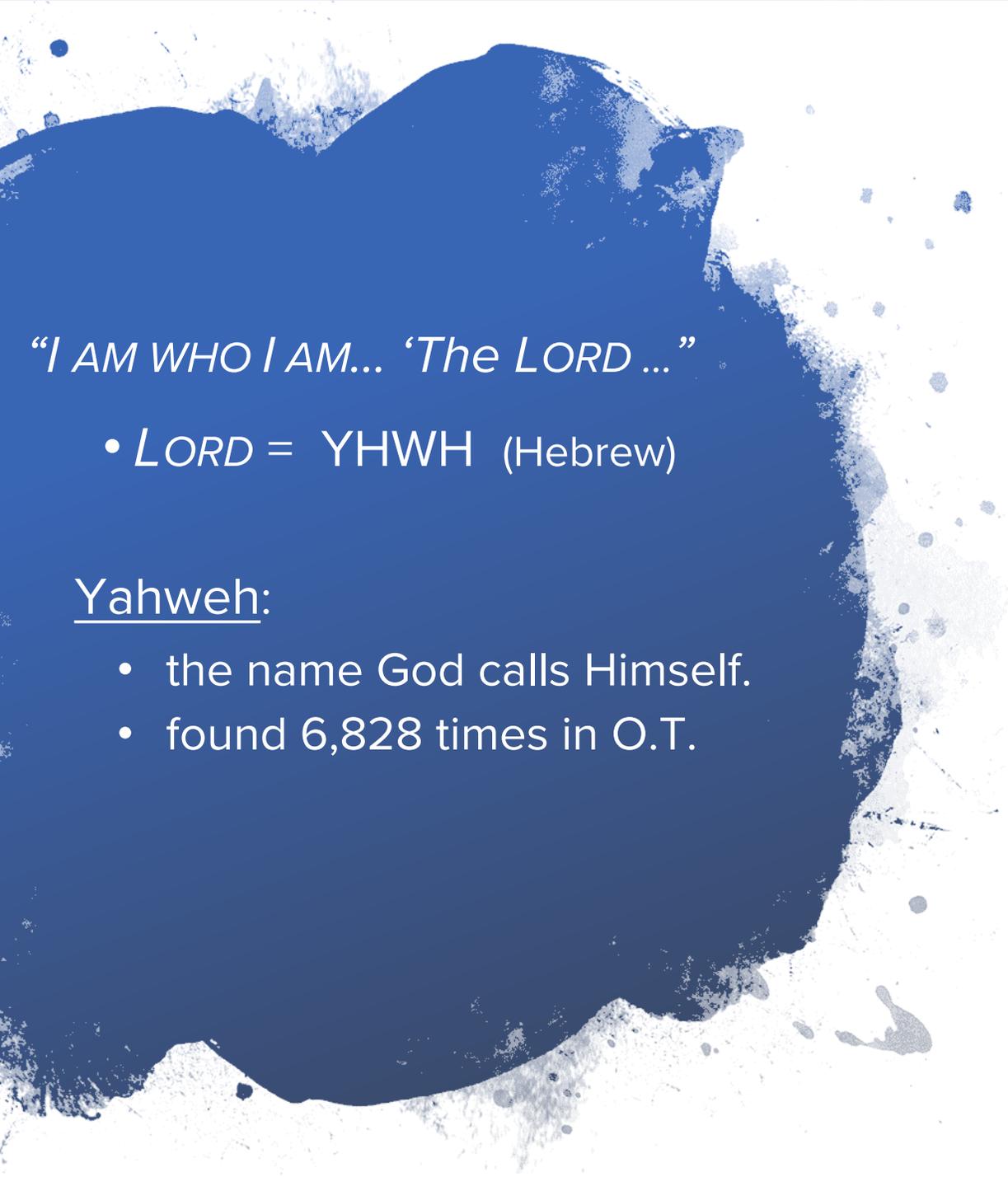
*<sup>13</sup> Moses said to God, “Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ Then what shall I tell them?”*

3. God identifies Himself before them:

*<sup>14</sup> God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”*

*<sup>15</sup> God also said to Moses, “Say to the Israelites, ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.’*

*“This is my name forever,  
the name you shall call me  
from generation to generation.*



“I AM WHO I AM... ‘The LORD ...”

- *LORD* = YHWH (Hebrew)

### Yahweh:

- the name God calls Himself.
- found 6,828 times in O.T.

The Jews came to regard God’s name – Yahweh - with such reverence that they would never take it upon their lips, lest they inadvertently take the name in vain. So whenever they came to this name in their reading, they pronounced the word *adonai* which means *my lord*. The English versions have basically followed the same pattern. They translate the proper name Yahweh with the word *LORD* in all caps.

John Piper

This Week:

The Third Word of Grace:

*“You must not misuse the name  
of the LORD, your God ...”*

**Truth:**

God takes His name very seriously.

*“You must not misuse the name of the  
LORD, your God. The LORD will not let  
you go unpunished if you misuse His  
name.”*

Exodus 20:7

## What's the big deal about God's Name?

- Names represent us.
  - our reputation.
- Names describe us:
  - our activity.
  - our authority.
  - our character.

### Reminder:

These people had personally experienced Yahweh's activity, authority & character ...

- He was not a concept or a fable.
- Yahweh was their reality.

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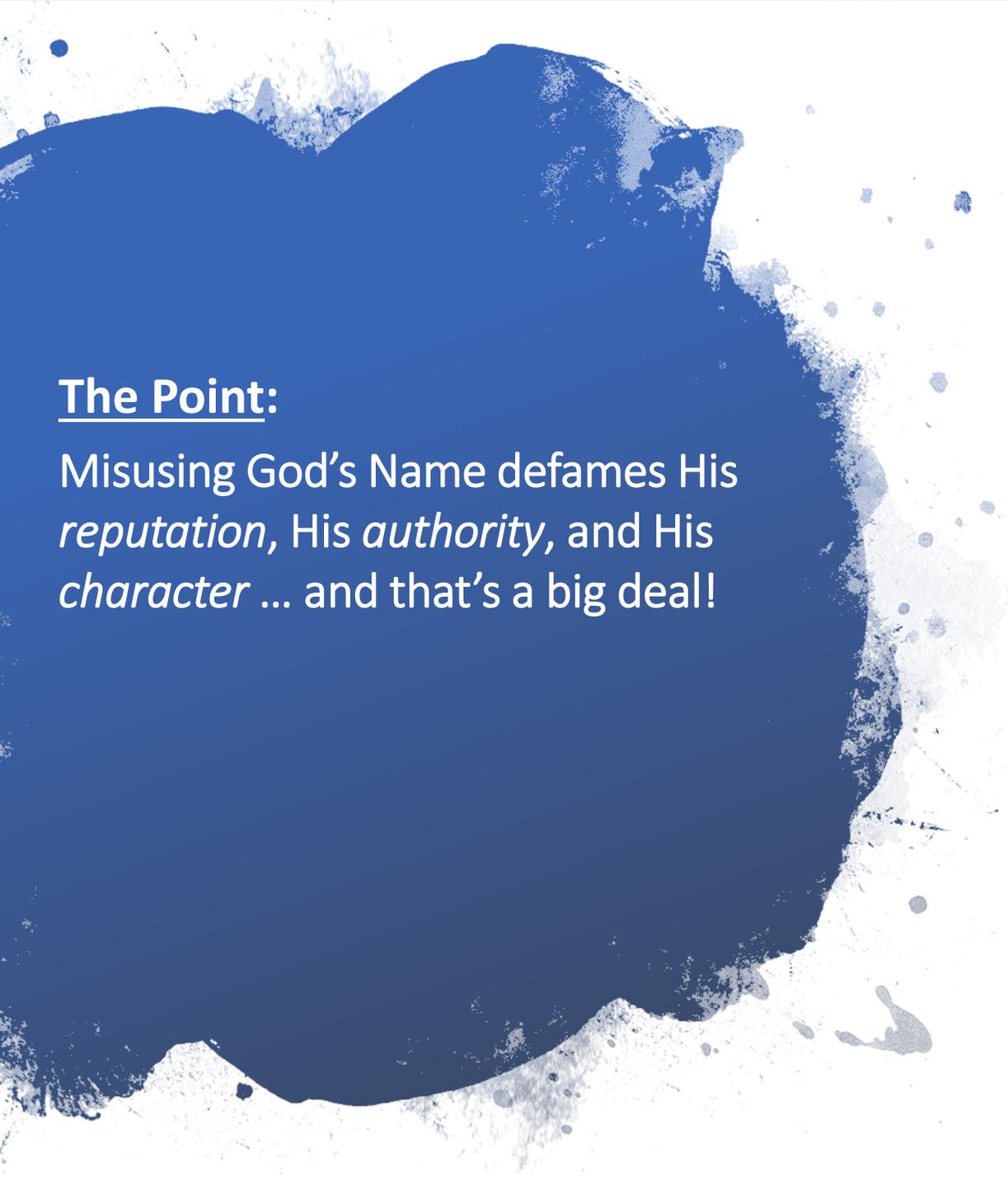
Exodus 20

*Yahweh was the redemptive name of God, who chose Israel as His people and delivered them from bondage. It was the covenantal name of God, who kept His promises to His people. And it was the relational name of God, who loved His people and remained faithful to them.*

Harry Bicknell

God's name in the Bible almost always includes an adjective describing who He is, what He has done and what He will do.

- *Yahweh Jireh* – The LORD provides.
- *Yahweh Nissi* – The LORD is our banner.
- *Yahweh Shalom* – The LORD is peace.
- *Yahweh Ra-ah* – The LORD is my Shepherd.
- *Yahweh Tsidkenu* – The LORD is our  
Righteousness.
- *Yahweh Rapha* – The LORD Heals.
- *Yahweh Shammah* – The LORD is our Light.



## The Point:

Misusing God's Name defames His *reputation*, His *authority*, and His *character* ... and that's a big deal!

God's name was held so sacred that it was pronounced only once a year by the priest when giving the blessing on the great Day of Atonement (Lev. 23:27) ... when the Scribes copied the manuscripts and came to the name of YHWH, they would stop, ceremonially bathe all over, and then go back to scroll with a new, unused pen!

R.K. Hughes

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Deuteronomy 10: 20

*“Do not swear falsely by my name and so profane that name of your God. I am the LORD.”*

Leviticus 19: 12



*<sup>33</sup> “You have also heard that our ancestors were told, ‘You must not break your vows; you must carry out the vows you make to the LORD.’<sup>34</sup> But I say, do not make any vows! Do not say, ‘By heaven!’ because heaven is God’s throne.<sup>35</sup> And do not say, ‘By the earth!’ because the earth is his footstool. And do not say, ‘By Jerusalem!’ for Jerusalem is the city of the great King.<sup>36</sup> Do not even say, ‘By my head!’ for you can’t turn one hair white or black.<sup>37</sup> Just say a simple, ‘Yes, I will,’ or ‘No, I won’t.’ Anything beyond this is from the evil one.*

Jesus – Matthew 5

## How do we honour God's Name? (Warren)

### 1. We use His Name Reverently.

- never casually.
- never manipulatively.
- never impulsively.
- never contrary to His character.

*<sup>9</sup> God elevated His Son to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names,<sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,<sup>11</sup> and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

Philippians 2

## How do we honour God's Name? (Warren)

1. We use His Name *Reverently*.
2. We Represent His Name clearly.
  - by acting justly.
  - by loving mercy.
  - by walking humbly with our God.

Micah 6:8

*<sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: <sup>19</sup> that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup> We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.*

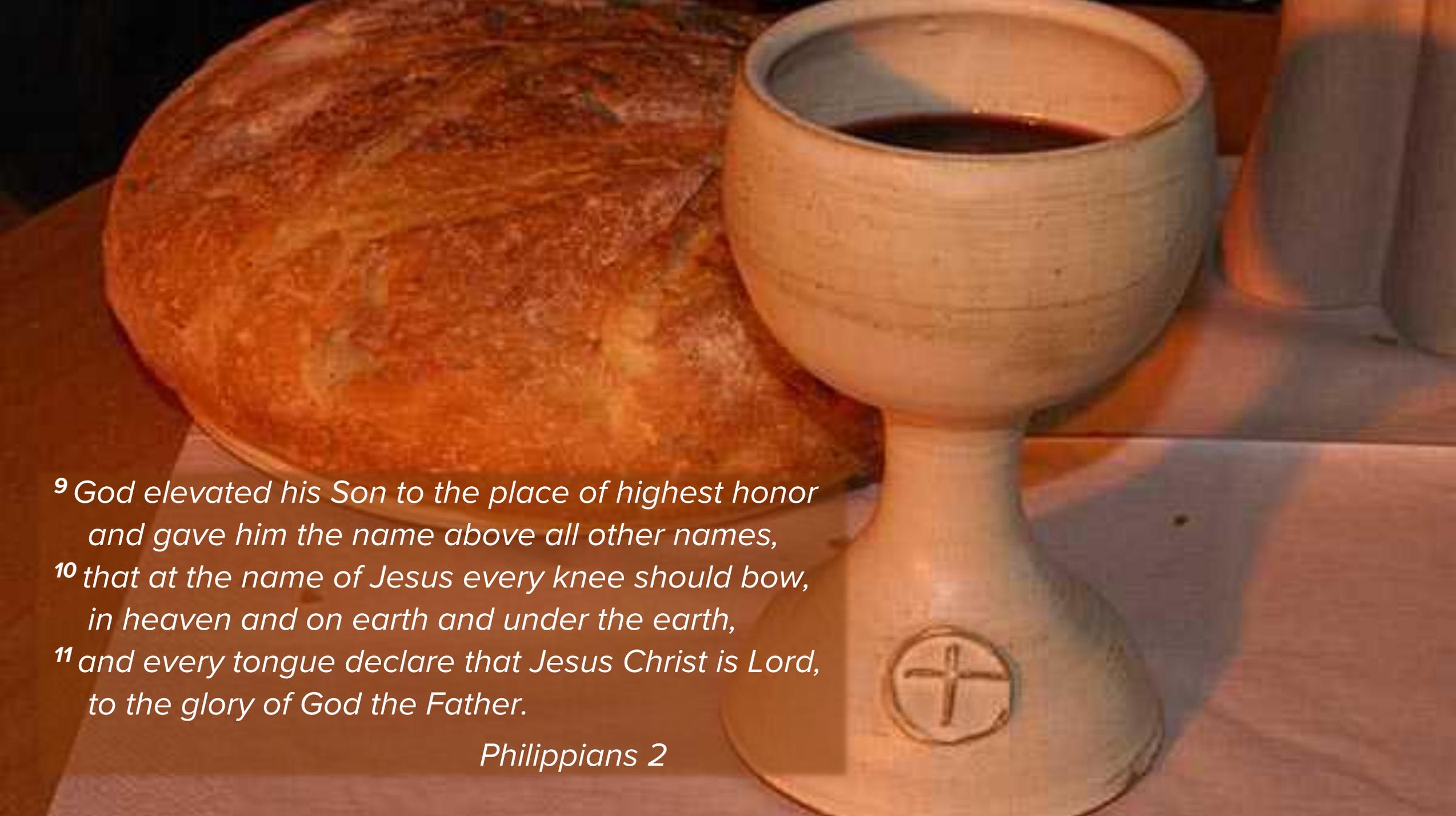
2 Corinthians 5

## How do we honour God's Name? (Warren)

1. We use His Name *Reverently*.
2. We *Represent* His Name clearly.
3. We Rely on His Name completely.
  - it is in His Name that we have our life and our meaning.

*<sup>12</sup> There is salvation in no one else but Jesus! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved.”*

Acts 4:12



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