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**Abounding Grace: The Grace of the Law
Famous Not Infamous**

Exodus 20:7

For Discussion and Reflection (You will need a copy of the Westminster Confession of Faith (WCF), which you can find on the internet.)

1. In Exodus 33:18, Moses appeals to God to show him, his glory. God says he will, proclaiming his name, "The LORD." Read that text, Ex. 33:18-19, 34:5-7. What does God want his name associated with? How does he want his people and the nations to know him?
2. Read Exodus 3:13-15. Moses has an interesting question, "What name do I give to Israel?" What is God's response? What does the name "Jehovah" or "Yahweh" mean? How does this compare with Revelation 1:8? What acts of God are connected this covenant name? What are the implications of this name?
3. In Exodus 6:1-9, God says that Israel didn't know him by the name "Yahweh," but instead as El Shaddai, or "God Almighty." Their ancestors seem to have known his name "Jehovah" but in Moses' day they had forgotten it. How does his redemption of Israel from Egypt teach them this covenant name? How does Isaiah connect God's covenant name with the redemption of Jesus Christ? Isaiah 52-53.
4. One way God's name was blasphemed is seen in in the prophets who said they were speaking for God, when God had not spoken their words. Consider, Jeremiah 14:14-16, 23:23-32, 27:15-17, 29:21-23. What weight does that put on those who teach and preach the Scriptures? James 3:1. How does this apply to preachers or people who say that God told them to do something? What should God's speech be limited by?
5. Jesus and Paul say something similar: Luke 6:46 and 2 Timothy 2:19. If we call ourselves by God's name, how should we live to honor that name? Consider Paul's indictment of the Jewish people in Rome, Romans 2:17-23. So how do we live before our neighbors, who see our unfaithfulness to God, in a way that maintains his glory?
6. One way we diminish God's name is in our attitude toward what is sacred, particularly His worship. Read Malachi 1:6-14. What was the priest's attitude toward God's worship? How did it affect God's people who came to worship? Consider Malachi 2:1-9. How do we glorify God in our approach to his worship?
7. Later in Malachi, he assures those who love God that He takes note of their loyalty. Read Malachi 3:16-18. What comfort do you take from this passage?
8. What has the Spirit revealed to you that needs to change in your life to honor God?