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The Lord wants you to live in His liberty and freedom.

Ezk. 36:23 I will show the holiness of My great name, which has been profaned among the nations, the name you have profaned among them. Then the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Sovereign LORD, when I am proved holy through you before their eyes. (NIV)

This word spoken to the nation of Israel, is a reminder to all people of Who the LORD is and what He will do. He declares that He will show the holiness of His great name. This is a statement of the magnitude of the name of the LORD. He is not just another name to remember or throw around in our conversation. His name is holy. This is so important that it is one of the foundations of the law of God. It is the third of the ten commandments that He gave to Moses.

Ex. 20:7 You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses His name. (NIV)

The LORD then states that Israel, and now other nations, have taken the name of the LORD for granted and even profaned His name. The Hebrew term for *profaned* is **hamchullal** which means *to pollute, desecrate, violate and misuse*. The LORD will not allow His name to be profaned. It is not just an attack upon His name but upon His holy character. When we are called after His name, we are to never profane His name, but instead we are to bless His name! In fact, it is so important that there will come a day when everyone who has ever lived will understand and submit to this!

Phil. 2:9-11 Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is LORD, to the glory of God the Father. (NIV) You see, this day is coming soon and everyone will finally know and understand the significance of the LORD, and they will honor His name as it deserves to be honored!

Dear LORD, we bless Your holy name! We exalt You and worship You for Who Your really are. Help us to never profane Your great name by our words or our actions. In Jesus Name, Amen