

graceWORKS ! GOING DEEPER¹ The Papou Study Bible is a daily study provided by me to



help folks explore the depth and joy of the “conneXion” life of God. It’s my personal study, and is not intended as a doctrinal statement or statement of any church or denomination or congregation. It’s also my belief that “grace” works, and the servant of God should always want to go deeper. Multi-tasking as usual, I’m also calling this the “Papou Study Bible.” I’m writing it as if I were speaking to my girls who love me and any descendant they have that love their Papou too. And to anyone who wants to consider me a spiritual Dad or “Papou.” I want them to be able to study the Bible with Papou (grandpa in Greek) after I’m gone---and if they don’t, I’ll haunt them. The Scriptures say it’s noble to “search the Scriptures daily” to verify truth like the ancient Bereans did (Acts 17:11). My folks came from Berea. My incredible Dad (and your grandfather and great grandfather, guys), Vasil Charles Valekis taught me to do this like he did---every day until I die. He taught me and everyone I know to go to church no matter what and to put God first. While Mama (Maria Pagona Stratakis Valekis) never really did this, she made sure we listened to Daddy on this one. She would have hit us with a spatula or frying pan or worse if we didn’t. This is a simple sharing my “daily search.” And I’d like to think it is a continuation of God’s life through my Dad through me. Both my “Dads” by the way. And a way to honor him, mama and our loving “Dad”---God. And for all of us to be together, in Spirit, even when we I join them in heaven. I like to use the Blue Letter literal, very “visual,” Greek translation a lot to help “visualize” these truths the beautiful way Greek enables you to view. And I like to share this with folks serving in an elder capacity, or any capacity, to grow them, challenge them, and stretch them. But especially share it with anyone I’ve ever brought to Christ and family members who truly love me. And when you study these, I’ll make sure to connect with you from heaven. *Ever an orthodox Greek, Jim Valekis*

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Christ IN You Series

Colossians 1:27 (King James Version)

²⁷To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is *Christ in you*, the hope of glory
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Amos Chapter 2 Part 3²

So we’re at the part of the chapter where Amos talks about an awful sin profaned God’s holy name. It led to a bit of a rabbit trail about how God’s close association with His people puts us in a unique category. By what we do (or don’t do) sometimes, we can “profane God’s holy name.”

Leviticus 18:21 New International Version (NIV)

²¹“Do not give any of your children to be sacrificed to Molek, for you must not profane the name of your God. I am the LORD.

I want to press that a bit farther, and see where it goes. Enjoy!

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Amos 2:7-16 New International Version (NIV)

⁷They trample on the heads of the poor
as on the dust of the ground
and deny justice to the oppressed.

Father and son use the same girl
and so profane my holy name.

Let's pick up here and study the Scriptures the NIV Study Bible associated with this verse.

There are 5 in Leviticus and 4 in the prophets.

Here are the ones in Leviticus.

Leviticus 18:21	Leviticus 19:12	Leviticus 20:3	Leviticus 21:6	Leviticus 22:2, 32
²¹ “Do not give any of your children to be sacrificed to Molek, for you must not profane the name of your God. I am the LORD.	¹² “Do not swear falsely by my name and so profane the name of your God. I am the LORD.	³ I myself will set my face against him and will cut him off from his people; for by sacrificing his children to Molek, he has defiled my sanctuary and profaned my holy name.	⁶ They must be holy to their God and must not profane the name of their God. Because they present the food offerings to the LORD, the food of their God, they are to be holy.	² “Tell Aaron and his sons to treat with respect the sacred offerings the Israelites consecrate to me, so they will not profane my holy name. I am the LORD. . . ³² Do not profane my holy name, for I must be acknowledged

				as holy by the Israelites. I am the LORD, who made you holy
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So just to be thorough, let look up the concept of “profaning” the LORD’s name.

Here’s the Hebrew word used:

H2490 chalal khaw-lal' a primitive root (compare **H2470**);

properly, to bore, i.e. (by implication) to wound, to dissolve; figuratively, to profane (a person, place or thing), to break (one's word), to begin (as if by an "opening wedge"); denom. (from **H2485**) to play (the flute).

That’s interesting. To “bore” into God’s name. To “wound” it, to “dissolve it.” The reference or connection to the flute is perhaps because it is “bored” with holes.

The NIV study Bible says this: “Whatever blatantly violates God’s revealed will desecrates his name because it fails to honor his holiness.

It references these two scriptures and their notes.

Psalm 5:11	Leviticus 11:44
¹¹ But let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may rejoice in you.	⁴⁴ I am the LORD your God; consecrate yourselves and be holy, because I am holy. Do not make yourselves unclean by any creature that moves along the ground.

NIV study note on the above verse says this: “The name of the LORD is the manifestation of His character.

Exodus 3:14-15	Exodus 34:6-7
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<p>¹⁴God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM.^[a] This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'"</p> <p>¹⁵God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The LORD,^[b] the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.'</p> <p>"This is my name forever, the name you shall call me from generation to generation.</p> <p><i>Footnotes:</i></p> <p>a. Exodus 3:14 Or <i>I WILL BE WHAT I WILL BE</i> b. Exodus 3:15 The Hebrew for <i>LORD</i> sounds like and may be related to the Hebrew for <i>I AM</i> in verse 14.</p>	<p>⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed his name, the LORD. ⁶And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, ⁷maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation."</p>
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So the name of the LORD is the manifestation of His character. It has no separate existence apart from the LORD. It is synonymous with the LORD Himself in his gracious manifestation and accessibility to His people. Hence the Jerusalem Temple is the earthly residence of His temple among His people.

Psalm 74:7	Dt 12:5, 11	2 Sa 7:13	Da 9:18-19
⁷ They burned your sanctuary to the ground; they defiled the dwelling place of your Name.	⁵ But you are to seek the place the LORD your God will choose from among all your tribes to put his Name there for	¹³ He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.	¹⁸ Give ear, our God, and hear; open your eyes and see the desolation of the city that bears your Name. We do not make

	<p>his dwelling. To that place you must go;</p> <p>¹¹Then to the place the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his Name—there you are to bring everything I command you: your burnt offerings and sacrifices, your tithes and special gifts, and all the choice possessions you have vowed to the LORD.</p>		<p>requests of you because we are righteous, but because of your great mercy. ¹⁹Lord, listen! Lord, forgive! Lord, hear and act! For your sake, my God, do not delay, because your city and your people bear your Name.”</p>
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Here is an interesting concept: In the ancient Semitic world “name” often stood for the essence of the thing named. God’s name is equivalent to His Presence.

Exodus 3:15	Exodus 23:21	2 Sa 7:13	1 Kings 5:5
<p>“This is my name forever, the name you shall call me from generation to generation.</p>	<p>²¹Pay attention to him and listen to what he says. Do not rebel against him; he will not forgive your rebellion, since my Name is in him.</p>	<p>³He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.</p>	<p>⁵I intend, therefore, to build a temple for the Name of the LORD my God, as the LORD told my father David, when he said, ‘Your son whom I</p>

			will put on the throne in your place will build the temple for my Name.'
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We'll continue to explore this concept next time.