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The Ten Commandments, The Laws Governing Man's **Duty to God (Part 2): Commandment Two Concerns The** Worship of God—Never Make Nor Worship False Gods, **Exodus 20:4-6**

Exodus 20:4-6 (NASB)

⁴ "You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth. ⁵ You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the

children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate

⁶ but showing lovingkindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments."

5. (Exodus 20:6) Decision— Obedience: What is the decision required by this commandment?

Exodus 20:6 (NASB)

⁶ "But showing lovingkindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments."

Obedience: God shows love to all who love Him and keep His commandments.

John 14:21 (NASB)

²¹ "He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him."

John 15:10 (NASB)

¹⁰ "If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love." **John 15:14 (NASB)**

14 "You are My friends if you do what I command you."

- **1.** The commandment can be stated positively:
 - a. We must choose this day whom we will serve, the false gods of this earth or the LORD Himself (Jehovah, Yahweh).

Joshua 24:14-15 (NASB)

¹⁴ "Now, therefore, fear the LORD and serve Him in sincerity and truth; and put away the gods which your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD.

¹⁵ If it is disagreeable in your sight to serve the LORD, choose for

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yourselves today whom you will serve: whether the gods which your fathers served which were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

1 Kings 18:21 (NASB)

- ²¹ "Elijah came near to all the people and said, "How long *will* you hesitate between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him." But the people did not answer him a word."
- **b.** We must remember this day the LORD our Creator, bow down and worship Him and Him alone as our Maker.

Psalm 95:6-7 (NASB)

- ⁶"Come, let us worship and bow down, Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.
- ⁷ For He is our God, And we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand. Today, if you would hear His voice." Ecclesiastes 12:1 (NASB)
- ¹ "Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near when you will say, 'I have no delight in them."
- **c.** We must honor the LORD as our Father.

2 Corinthians 6:17-18 (NASB)

- ¹⁷ "Therefore, 'COME OUT FROM THEIR MIDST AND BE SEPARATE,' says the Lord. 'AND DO NOT TOUCH WHAT IS UNCLEAN;' And I will welcome you.
- ¹⁸ And I will be a father to you, 'And you shall be sons and daughters to Me,' Says the Lord Almighty."
- **d.** We must worship God in Spirit and in truth.

John 4:24 (NASB)

- ²⁴ "God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship [him] in spirit and truth."
- e. We must trust the LORD and keep our minds upon the LORD.

Isaiah 26:3-4 (NASB)

- ³ "The steadfast of mind You will keep in perfect peace, Because he trusts in You.
- ⁴Trust in the LORD forever, For in GOD the LORD, we have an everlasting Rock."

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f. We must meditate upon the LORD.

Psalm 63:6 (NASB)

- ⁶ "When I remember You on my bed, I meditate on You in the night watches."
- **g.** We must pray and rejoice in everything.

Philippians 4:6-7 (NASB)

- ⁶ "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.
- ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard vour hearts and vour minds in Christ Jesus."
- **h.** We must give thanks in the name of Christ for everything.

Ephesians 5:20 (NASB)

²⁰ "Always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father."

Philippians 4:6 (NASB)

- ⁶ "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."
- i. We must rejoice in the LORD and be glad.

Psalm 32:11 (NASB)

- 11 "Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you righteous ones; And shout for joy, all you who are upright in heart."
- **j.** We must delight ourselves in the LORD.

Psalm 37:4 (NASB)

- ⁴ "Delight yourself in the LORD; And He will give you the desires of vour heart"
- **k.** We must assemble ourselves together to worship the LORD.

Hebrews 10:25 (NASB)

²⁵ "Not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near."

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l. We must guard our steps when we go to the house of God, guard ourselves and make sure we listen.

Ecclesiastes 5:1 (NASB)

¹ "Guard your steps as you go to the house of God and draw near to listen rather than to offer the sacrifice of fools; for they do not know they are doing evil."

John 8:32 (NASB)

³² "And you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." John 17:17 (NASB)

¹⁷ "Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth."

m. We must continue to study and preach God's Word, pray, observe the Lord's Supper, and fellowship together.

Acts 2:42 (NASB)

⁴² "They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." 2 Timothy 4:2 (NASB)

² "Preach the word; be ready in season *and* out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction."

n. We must baptize all new believers in the name of the Father.

Matthew 28:19 (NASB)

¹⁹ "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit."

- **2.** The commandment can be stated negatively:
 - **a.** We must not worship any other god, no other god whatsoever. We must never worship anything other than the LORD God Himself, the only living and true God.

Exodus 20:4 (NASB)

⁴ "You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth."

Deuteronomy 11:16 (NASB)

¹⁶ "Beware that your hearts are not deceived, and that you do not turn away and serve other gods and worship them."

1 Corinthians 10:14 (NASB)

14 "Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry."

1 John 5:21 (NASB)

²¹ "Little children, guard yourselves from idols."

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b. We must not set the poor example of a false worship for our children. We must not mislead our children into the worship of false religion and false idols; we must not lead our children to worship anything other than the LORD God Himself, the only living and true God.

Deuteronomy 4:9 (NASB)

⁹ "Only give heed to yourself and keep your soul diligently, so that you do not forget the things which your eyes have seen and they do not depart from your heart all the days of your life; but make them known to your sons and your grandsons."

1 Kings 22:52 (NASB)

⁵² "He did evil in the sight of the LORD and walked in the way of his father and in the way of his mother and in the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin."

1 Chronicles 28:9 (NASB)

⁹ "As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a whole heart and a willing mind; for the LORD searches all hearts, and understands every intent of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will let you find Him; but if you forsake Him, He will reject you forever."

2 Chronicles 22:3 (NASB)

³ "He also walked in the ways of the house of Ahab, for his mother was his counselor to do wickedly."

Proverbs 22:6 (NASB)

⁶ "Train up a child in the way he should go, Even when he is old he will not depart from it."

Jeremiah 9:14 (NASB)

¹⁴ "But have walked after the stubbornness of their heart and after the Baals, as their fathers taught them."

Matthew 14:8 (NASB)

⁸ "Having been prompted by her mother, she said, 'Give me here on a platter the head of John the Baptist."

c. We must remove and destroy all false worship.

Deuteronomy 7:5 (NASB)

⁵ "But thus you shall do to them: you shall tear down their altars, and smash their *sacred* pillars, and hew down their Asherim, and burn their graven images with fire."

Isaiah 30:22 (NASB)

²² "And you will defile your graven images overlaid with silver, and your molten images plated with gold. You will scatter them as an impure thing, *and* say to them, "Be gone!"



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d. We must mortify, put to death, all false worship.

Colossians 3:5 (NASB)

- 5 "Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry."
- e. We must recognize that an idol is nothing, that there is only one true and living God.

1 Corinthians 8:4-7 (NASB)

- ⁴ "Therefore concerning the eating of things sacrificed to idols, we know that there is no such thing as an idol in the world, and that there is no God but one.
- ⁵ For even if there are so-called gods whether in heaven or on earth, as indeed there are many gods and many lords,
- ⁶ yet for us there is *but* one God, the Father, from whom are all things and we exist for Him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we exist through Him.
- ⁷ However not all men have this knowledge; but some, being accustomed to the idol until now, eat food as if it were sacrificed to an idol: and their conscience being weak is defiled."