



Lecture # 5 Part 1

The Ten Commandments, The Laws Governing Man's Duty to God (Part 1):

Commandment One Concerns God's Being—Never Believe in False Gods, Exodus 20:3

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THE BIBLICAL CONSEQUENCES OF HAVING OTHER GODS, OF BELIEVING IN OTHER GODS

(Exodus 20:3) Commandments, The Ten—Obedience—Judgment: What are the consequences of breaking this commandment? This passage does not cover the consequences. The reason is seen in the first two verses (Exodus 20:1-2).

Exodus 20:1-2 (NASB)

¹Then God spoke all these words, saying,

²"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

1. **There are the consequences upon God.**
 - a. The person who does not follow God cuts the heart of God: causes pain and hurt for Him.
 - b. The person who does not follow God causes the name of God to be blasphemed.
 - c. The person who does not follow God lives a life that is detestable to God.
2. **There are the consequences upon oneself, ones day to day life.**
 - a. The person who does not follow God follows after dumb, lifeless idols, man-made gods that can never help him.
 - b. The person who does not follow God exchanges a life of glory for a life that does not profit, a life that is worthless.
 - c. The person who does not follow God experiences a life of emptiness and trouble, missing out on the spiritual rest and peace of God.
 - d. The person who does not follow God lives a life of hopelessness.
 - e. The person who does not follow God lives a life that is enslaved to sin.
 - f. The person who does not follow God lives a hypocritical life, a life that denies the truth.
 - g. The person who does not follow God defiles his mind and conscience.
 - h. The person who does not follow God experiences the most illogical life that can be lived: the life of a fool.
 - i. The person who does not follow God will have no root and will fall away when temptation comes.
 - j. The person who does not follow God places his faith only in signs and wonders.
 - k. The person who does not follow God is blinded in his mind, unable to see the saving light of the gospel of Christ.



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- l. The person who does not follow God lives a life of ungodly lusts, a life that mocks God and His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 9:27 (NASB)

²⁷ "And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment."

3. There are the consequences of judgment.

- a. The person who does not follow God will not inherit the kingdom of God.
- b. The person who does not follow God displeases God and arouses His anger and wrath.
- c. The person who does not follow God is broken off, separated, cut loose, turned away from by God.
- d. The person who does not follow God experiences the judicial judgment of God: God gives him over to his sin, to reap what he sows.
- e. The person who does not follow God shall not enter heaven, no matter what he professes and has done in the name of God.
- f. The person who does not follow God shall face the fierce judgment of God and perish.
- g. The person who does not follow God shall face the terrible experience of dying in his sins and going to hell.
- h. The person who does not follow God is deluded and damned.
- i. The person who does not follow God causes God to hide His face from him.
- j. The person who does not follow God brings judgment upon his children.

3. There are the consequences of judgment.

- a. The person who does not follow God will not inherit the kingdom of God.

1 Corinthians 6:9-10 (NASB)

⁹ Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals,

¹⁰ nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God.

- b. The person who does not follow God displeases God and arouses His anger and wrath.

John 3:36 (NASB)

³⁶ "He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

John 8:24 (NASB)

²⁴ "Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am He, you will die in your sins."



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Romans 11:20 (NASB)

²⁰ **Quite right, they were broken off for their unbelief, but you stand by your faith. Do not be conceited, but fear;**

2 Thessalonians 2:12 (NASB)

¹² **in order that they all may be judged who did not believe the truth, but took pleasure in wickedness.**

Jude 1:5 (NASB)

⁵ **Now I desire to remind you, though you know all things once for all, that the Lord, after saving a people out of the land of Egypt, subsequently destroyed those who did not believe.**

- c. The person who does not follow God is broken off, separated, cut loose, turned away from by God.

Romans 11:20 (NASB)

²⁰ **Quite right, they were broken off for their unbelief, but you stand by your faith. Do not be conceited, but fear;**

Ezekiel 14:2-5 (NASB)

² **And the word of the Lord came to me, saying,**

³ **"Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their hearts and have put right before their faces the stumbling block of their iniquity. Should I be consulted by them at all?**

⁴ **"Therefore speak to them and tell them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, 'Any man of the house of Israel who sets up his idols in his heart, puts right before his face the stumbling block of his iniquity, and *then* comes to the prophet, I the Lord will be brought to give him an answer in the matter in view of the multitude of his idols,**

⁵ **in order to lay hold of the hearts of the house of Israel who are estranged from Me through all their idols.'"**

- d. The person who does not follow God experiences the judicial judgment of God: God gives him over to his sin, to reap what he sows.

Romans 1:28 (NASB)

²⁸ **And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper,**

- e. The person who does not follow God shall not enter heaven, no matter what he professes and has done in the name of God.

Matthew 7:21-23 (NASB)

²¹ **"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven *will enter.***

²² **"Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?'**



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²³ "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.'

f. The person who does not follow God shall face the fierce judgment of God and perish.

John 12:48 (NASB)

⁴⁸ He who rejects Me and does not receive My sayings, has one who judges him; the word I spoke is what will judge him at the last day.

2 Peter 3:7 (NASB)

⁷ But by His word the present heavens and earth are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.

Jude 1:14-15 (NASB)

¹⁴ It was also about these men that Enoch, in the seventh generation from Adam, prophesied, saying, "Behold, the Lord came with many thousands of His holy ones,

¹⁵ to execute judgment upon all, and to convict all the ungodly of all their ungodly deeds which they have done in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.

Jeremiah 5:7-9 (NASB)

⁷ "Why should I pardon you? Your sons have forsaken Me And sworn by those who are not gods. When I had fed them to the full, They committed adultery And trooped to the harlot's house.

⁸ "They were well-fed lusty horses, Each one neighing after his neighbor's wife.

⁹ "Shall I not punish these *people*," declares the Lord, "And on a nation such as this Shall I not avenge Myself?"

Psalms 1:4-6 (NASB)

⁴ The wicked are not so, But they are like chaff which the wind drives away.

⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, Nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

⁶ For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, But the way of the wicked will perish.

g. The person who does not follow God shall face the terrible experience of dying in his sins and going to hell.

John 8:24 (NASB)

²⁴ "Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am *He*, you will die in your sins."

Revelation 21:8 (NASB)

⁸ "But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part *will be* in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."



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h. The person who does not follow God is deluded and damned.

2 Thessalonians 2:11-12 (NASB)

¹¹ For this reason God will send upon them a deluding influence so that they will believe what is false,

¹² in order that they all may be judged who did not believe the truth, but took pleasure in wickedness.

i. The person who does not follow God causes God to hide His face from him.

Deuteronomy 32:20 (NASB)

²⁰ "Then He said, 'I will hide My face from them, I will see what their end shall be; For they are a perverse generation, Sons in whom is no faithfulness.

j. The person who does not follow God brings judgment upon his children.

Jeremiah 9:13-16 (NASB)

¹³ The LORD said, "Because they have forsaken My law which I set before them, and have not obeyed My voice nor walked according to it,

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

¹⁵ therefore thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, "behold, I will feed them, this people, with wormwood and give them poisoned water to drink.

¹⁶ "I will scatter them among the nations, whom neither they nor their fathers have known; and I will send the sword after them until I have annihilated them."

1 Kings 22:51-53 (NASB)

⁵¹ Ahaziah the son of Ahab became king over Israel in Samaria in the seventeenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and he reigned two years over Israel.

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.

⁵³ So he served Baal and worshiped him and provoked the LORD God of Israel to anger, according to all that his father had done.

2 Chronicles 22:3-4 (NASB)

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

⁴ He did evil in the sight of the LORD like the house of Ahab, for they were his counselors after the death of his father, to his destruction.

Ezekiel 20:18-21 (NASB)

¹⁸ "I said to their children in the wilderness, 'Do not walk in the statutes of your fathers or keep their ordinances or defile yourselves



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with their idols.

¹⁹ ~'I am the LORD your God; walk in My statutes and keep My ordinances and observe them.

²⁰ ~'Sanctify My sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between Me and you, that you may know that I am the LORD your God.'

²¹ "But the children rebelled against Me; they did not walk in My statutes, nor were they careful to observe My ordinances, by which, *if* a man observes them, he will live; they profaned My sabbaths. So I resolved to pour out My wrath on them, to accomplish My anger against them in the wilderness.

Amos 2:4 (NASB)

⁴ Thus says the LORD, "For three transgressions of Judah and for four I will not revoke its *punishment*, Because they rejected the law of the LORD And have not kept His statutes; Their lies also have led them astray, Those after which their fathers walked.