

# 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

#### **DEEPER STUDY #3**

(Exodus 20:3) Jesus Christ and His Teaching Concerning False Gods:

#### Exodus 20:3 (NASB)

<sup>3</sup> "You shall have no other gods before Me.

#### 1. THE TEACHING OF CHRIST

Jesus Christ declared that there is *only one true and living God, One Sovereign LORD and Majesty* of the universe, and that we are to love Him with all our hearts, souls, and minds.

#### **Matthew 22:35-40 (NASB)**

- <sup>35</sup> One of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him,
- <sup>36</sup> "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?"
- <sup>37</sup> And He said to him, " 'YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.'
- <sup>38</sup> "This is the great and foremost commandment.
- <sup>39</sup> "The second is like it, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.'
- <sup>40</sup> "On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets."

#### THE BELIEVER'S RESPONSE

- 1) We are to know and acknowledge the only true and living God, Him and Him alone.
- 2) We must not believe nor follow any false gods, none whatsoever.
- **3**) We are.....
  - a. to set no false god before the LORD God
  - **b.** to set no false god *beside* the LORD God
  - c. to set no false god "in the presence" of the LORD God
  - **d.** to set no false god "in the face" of the LORD God

#### **Isaiah 43:10 (NASB)**

<sup>10</sup> "You are My witnesses," declares the LORD, "And My servant whom I have chosen, So that you may know and believe Me And understand that I am He. Before Me there was no God formed, And there will be none after Me.

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#### **Isaiah 44:6 (NASB)**

<sup>6</sup> "Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: 'I am the first and I am the last, And there is no God besides Me.

**Isaiah 44:8 (NASB)** 

<sup>8</sup> 'Do not tremble and do not be afraid; Have I not long since announced *it* to you and declared *it*? And you are My witnesses. Is there any God besides Me, Or is there any *other* Rock? I know of none.'''

**Isaiah 45:5 (NASB)** 

<sup>5</sup> "I am the LORD, and there is no other; Besides Me there is no God. I will gird you, though you have not known Me; Isaiah 45:18 (NASB)

<sup>18</sup> For thus says the LORD, who created the heavens (He is the God who formed the earth and made it, He established it *and* did not create it a waste place, *but* formed it to be inhabited), "I am the LORD, and there is none else.

**Isaiah 46:9 (NASB)** 

<sup>9</sup> "Remember the former things long past, For I am God, and there is no other; *I am* God, and there is no one like Me, Ephesians 4:6 (NASB)

<sup>6</sup> One God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all. 1 Timothy 2:5 (NASB)

<sup>5</sup> For there is one God, *and* one mediator also between God and men, *the* man Christ Jesus,

#### 2. THE TEACHING OF CHRIST

Jesus Christ declared that God exists by proclaiming that He is the Son of God Himself.

**John 3:18 (NASB)** 

<sup>18</sup> "He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

**John 5:25 (NASB)** 

<sup>25</sup> "Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live.

#### THE BELIEVER'S RESPONSE

We must believe in the Son of God in order to be saved.

#### **John 3:16 (NASB)**

<sup>16</sup> "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

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<sup>31</sup> But these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.

Matthew 3:17 (NASB)

<sup>17</sup> And behold, a voice out of the heavens said, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased."

#### 3. THE TEACHING OF CHRIST

Jesus Christ declared that God exists by proclaiming that He was One with the Father.

John 10:30 (NASB)
<sup>30</sup> "I and the Father are one."