

## The Ten Commandments, The Laws Governing Man's Duty to God (Part 13):

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

#### DEEPER STUDY # 2

#### THE BIBLICAL BENEFITS OF KEEPING THIS COMMANDMENT: NEVER HAVE OTHER GODS, NEVER BELIEVE IN FALSE GODS

#### (Exodus 20:3) Commandments, The Ten— Benefits— Obedience:

What are the benefits of keeping this commandment? The LORD (Jehovah, Yahweh) is the only living and true God. Consequently, He is bound to pour out the richest blessings imaginable upon the person who keeps this commandment, upon the person who truly believes and follows Him.

1. The person who believes God—genuinely believes God—will be saved, never condemned, through God's Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

#### John 3:16-18 (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.

<sup>17</sup> "For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.

<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.

#### Romans 6:23 (NASB)

<sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

#### Romans 10:9-10 (NASB)

<sup>9</sup> That if you confess with your mouth Jesus *as* Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved;

<sup>10</sup> for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.

#### Ephesians 2:8-10 (NASB)

<sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God;

<sup>9</sup> not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

<sup>10</sup> For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

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2. The person who believes God will be redeemed, never condemned.

### **Psalms 34:22 (NASB)**

<sup>22</sup>The LORD redeems the soul of His servants, And none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned.

3. The person who believes God will escape the wrath of God and live forever, live eternally with God and with His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

### **John 3:36 (NASB)**

<sup>36</sup>"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 5:24 (NASB)**

<sup>24</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.

### **John 11:25 (NASB)**

<sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies,

### **John 14:1-2 (NASB)**

<sup>1</sup>"Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me.

<sup>2</sup>"In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you.

### **Romans 10:9 (NASB)**

<sup>9</sup>That if you confess with your mouth Jesus *as* Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved;

### **Psalms 125:1 (NASB)**

<sup>1</sup>Those who trust in the LORD Are as Mount Zion, which cannot be moved but abides forever.

4. The person who believes God will be justified: God will count his faith for righteousness.

### **Romans 4:16-17 (NASB)**

<sup>16</sup>For this reason *it is* by faith, in order that *it may be* in accordance with grace, so that the promise [of eternal life] will be guaranteed to all the descendants, not only to those who are of the Law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all,

<sup>17</sup>(as it is written, "A FATHER OF MANY NATIONS HAVE I MADE YOU") in the presence of Him whom he believed, *even* God, who gives life to the dead and calls into being that which does not exist.

### **Romans 4:23-25 (NASB)**

<sup>23</sup>Now not for his sake only was it written that it was credited to him,

<sup>24</sup>but for our sake also, to whom it will be credited, as those who

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believe in Him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead,  
<sup>25</sup> *He* who was delivered over because of our transgressions, and was raised because of our justification.

5. The person who believes God—genuinely believes—will be a member of God's family, His treasured possession, and receive unbelievable reward.

### Exodus 19:5 (NASB)

<sup>5</sup> Now then, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be My own possession among all the peoples, for all the earth is Mine;

### Deuteronomy 26:16-19 (NASB)

<sup>16</sup> "This day the LORD your God commands you to do these statutes and ordinances. You shall therefore be careful to do them with all your heart and with all your soul.

<sup>17</sup> "You have today declared the LORD to be your God, and that you would walk in His ways and keep His statutes, His commandments and His ordinances, and listen to His voice.

<sup>18</sup> "The LORD has today declared you to be His people, a treasured possession, as He promised you, and that you should keep all His commandments;

<sup>19</sup> and that He will set you high above all nations which He has made, for praise, fame, and honor; and that you shall be a consecrated people to the LORD your God, as He has spoken."

6. The person who believes God will come to know God personally, in an intimate way.

### Philippians 3:10 (NASB)

<sup>10</sup> That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death;

### Deuteronomy 4:35 (NASB)

<sup>35</sup> "To you it was shown that you might know that the LORD, He is God; there is no other besides Him.

### 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.

### John 7:16-17 (NASB)

<sup>16</sup> So Jesus answered them and said, "My teaching is not Mine, but His who sent Me.

<sup>17</sup> "If anyone is willing to do His will, he will know of the teaching, whether it is of God or *whether* I speak from Myself.