

The Ten Commandments, The Laws Governing Man's Duty to God (Part 17):

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)

³ "You shall have no other gods before Me.

7. THE TEACHING OF CHRIST

Jesus Christ declared that God exists by teaching that the person who rejects the Son of God will bear the terrible judgment and wrath of God.

Matthew 10:33 (NASB)

³³ "But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven.

Luke 12:9 (NASB)

⁹ But he who denies Me before men will be denied before the angels of God.

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 3:18 (NASB)

¹⁸ "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.

THE BELIEVER'S RESPONSE

1) Man's eternal fate hinges on believing that God exists.

John 3:15-16 (NASB)

¹⁵ So that whoever believes will in Him have eternal life.

¹⁶ "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.

Romans 10:9 (NASB)

⁹ 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;

2) We must believe on the Son in order to guarantee everlasting life.

John 5:24 (NASB)

²⁴ Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him

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who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.

Jon 11:25 (NASB)

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

John 20:31 (NASB)

³¹ 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.

2 Timothy 3:15 (NASB)

¹⁵ And that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

1 John 5:1 (NASB)

¹ Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and whoever loves the Father loves the *child* born of Him.

3) We are never to be ashamed of our relationship with Jesus Christ. Christ has done far too much for us to deny Him, to ever be ashamed of Him.

Romans 1:16 (NASB)

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

Romans 9:33 (NASB)

³³ Just as it is written, "BEHOLD, I LAY IN ZION A STONE OF STUMBLING AND A ROCK OF OFFENSE, AND HE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED."

Philippians 1:20 (NASB)

²⁰ According to my earnest expectation and hope, that I will not be put to shame in anything, but *that* with all boldness, Christ will even now, as always, be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.

1 Peter 4:16 (NASB)

¹⁶ But if *anyone suffers* as a Christian, he is not to be ashamed, but is to glorify God in this name.

1 John 2:28 (NASB)

²⁸ Now, little children, abide in Him, so that when He appears, we may have confidence and not shrink away from Him in shame at His coming.

8. THE TEACHING OF CHRIST

Jesus Christ declared the existence of God when He prayed to His Father, the LORD God Himself (Jehovah, **Yahweh**).

John 17:1 (NASB)

¹ Jesus spoke these things; and lifting up His eyes to heaven, He said,

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"Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son, that the Son may glorify You,

[John 17:5 \(NASB\)](#)

⁵ "Now, Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

[John 17:11 \(NASB\)](#)

¹¹ "I am no longer in the world; and *yet* they themselves are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your name, *the name* which You have given Me, that they may be one even as *We are*.

[John 17:24-25 \(NASB\)](#)

²⁴ "Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory which You have given Me, for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵ "O righteous Father, although the world has not known You, yet I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me;

THE BELIEVER'S RESPONSE

- 1) We must focus and direct our prayers to the only living and true God, to the Father of the Lord Jesus Christ, to Him and Him alone.
- 2) We must never pray nor seek help from false gods, gods that are nothing more than the imaginations of men.

[Matthew 11:25 \(NASB\)](#)

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, "I praise You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from *the* wise and intelligent and have revealed them to infants.

[Luke 23:34 \(NASB\)](#)

³⁴ But Jesus was saying, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots, dividing up His garments among themselves.

[John 11:41 \(NASB\)](#)

⁴¹ So they removed the stone. Then Jesus raised His eyes, and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me.

[John 15:16 \(NASB\)](#)

¹⁶ "You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you.

[John 16:23-24 \(NASB\)](#)

²³ "In that day you will not question Me about anything. Truly, truly, I say to you, if you ask the Father for anything in My name, He will give it to you.

²⁴ "Until now you have asked for nothing in My name; ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be made full.