

## The Ten Commandments, The Laws Governing Man's Duty to God (Part 5):

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

We make a god out of anything that we esteem or love, fear or serve more than God. Again, whatever the heart clings to, that is a person's god. It may be oneself. Frankly, many people focus upon pleasing and satisfying themselves. They live by their own values and are concerned primarily with their own feelings, comfort, desires, and pleasures. They simply live like they want and do their own thing. They have exalted themselves to be their own god.

#### Other people make gods out of.....

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| a. heavenly bodies | k. images                       |
| b. science         | l. property                     |
| c. force, energy   | m. position                     |
| d. animals         | n. the latest style of clothing |
| e. family          | o. cars, trucks                 |
| f. sex             | p. sports                       |
| g. food            | q. recreation                   |
| h. pleasure        | r. career                       |
| i. recognition     | s. power                        |
| j. fame            |                                 |

A god can be anything or any person. Man's first allegiance, first loyalty, first devotion is to be to the **LORD God**. The **LORD God** is to be first in a man's life; He is to be enthroned in the heart of man. Man is to know and acknowledge that there is one God and one God alone. The first commandment of the **LORD** is to be obeyed:

#### Exodus 20:3 (NASB)

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

#### Thought 1. Note several points.

1) The so called gods of heaven and earth are nothing more than the creation of man's imagination and hands.

#### Psalms 115:4-8 (NASB)

<sup>4</sup> Their idols are silver and gold, The work of man's hands.

<sup>5</sup> They have mouths, but they cannot speak; They have eyes, but they cannot see;

<sup>6</sup> They have ears, but they cannot hear; They have noses, but they cannot smell;

<sup>7</sup> They have hands, but they cannot feel; They have feet, but they cannot walk; They cannot make a sound with their throat.

<sup>8</sup> Those who make them will become like them, Everyone who trusts in them.

## Sunday School-Ten Commandments (1) Exodus 20:3

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### Isaiah 40:18-20 (NASB)

<sup>18</sup> To whom then will you liken God? Or what likeness will you compare with Him?

<sup>19</sup> *As for* the idol, a craftsman casts it, A goldsmith plates it with gold, And a silversmith *fashions* chains of silver.

<sup>20</sup> He who is too impoverished for *such* an offering Selects a tree that does not rot; He seeks out for himself a skillful craftsman To prepare an idol that will not totter.

### Isaiah 45:20 (NASB)

<sup>20</sup> Gather yourselves and come; Draw near together, you fugitives of the nations; They have no knowledge, Who carry about their wooden idol And pray to a god who cannot save.

### Jeremiah 10:2-5 (NASB)

<sup>2</sup> Thus says the Lord, "Do not learn the way of the nations, And do not be terrified by the signs of the heavens Although the nations are terrified by them;

<sup>3</sup> For the customs of the peoples are delusion; Because it is wood cut from the forest, The work of the hands of a craftsman with a cutting tool.

<sup>4</sup> "They decorate *it* with silver and with gold; They fasten it with nails and with hammers So that it will not totter.

<sup>5</sup> "Like a scarecrow in a cucumber field are they, And they cannot speak; They must be carried, Because they cannot walk! Do not fear them, For they can do no harm, Nor can they do any good."

### Romans 1:22-23 (NASB)

<sup>22</sup> Professing to be wise, they became fools,

<sup>23</sup> and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures.

### 1 Corinthians 12:2 (NASB)

<sup>2</sup> You know that when you were pagans, *you were* led astray to the mute idols, however you were led.

2) There is only one true and living God, the **LORD** Himself (**Jehovah, Yahweh**).

### 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.

### Deuteronomy 6:4-5 (NASB)

<sup>4</sup> "Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord is one!

<sup>5</sup> "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

### 2 Samuel 7:22 (NASB)

<sup>22</sup> For this reason You are great, O Lord GOD; for there is none like You, and there is no God besides You, according to all that we have heard with our ears.