

The Ten Commandments, The Laws Governing Man's Duty to God (Part 8):

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

- a. We must sanctify the **LORD** in our hearts, set Him apart as holy and fear Him.

Isaiah 8:13 (NASB)

¹³ **It is the Lord of hosts whom you should regard as holy. And He shall be your fear, And He shall be your dread.**

- b. We must realize that we cannot serve two masters; we cannot serve God and money.

Matthew 6:24 (NASB)

²⁴ **No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.**

2. **The decision can be stated negatively:** we must have no other gods whatsoever; we must never believe in false gods, none whatsoever.

Exodus 20:3 (NASB)

³ **You shall have no other gods before Me.**

Deuteronomy 11:16 (NASB)

¹⁶ **Beware that your hearts are not deceived, and that you do not turn away and serve other gods and worship them.**

1 John 5:21 (NASB)

²¹ **Little children, guard yourselves from idols.**

Thought 1. The decision demanded by God is clear: we are not to have any other gods, none whatsoever. There is only one true and living God. We are to believe *in Him and in Him alone*.

Genesis 15:6 (NASB)

⁶ **Then he believed in the Lord; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness.**

2 Chronicles 20:20 (NASB)

²⁰ **They rose early in the morning and went out to the wilderness of Tekoa; and when they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Listen to me, O Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem, put your trust in the Lord your God and you will be established. Put your trust in His prophets and succeed."**

John 3:16 (NASB)

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.**

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John 6:28-29 (NASB)

²⁸ Therefore they said to Him, "What shall we do, so that we may work the works of God?"

²⁹ Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent."

1 John 3:23 (NASB)

²³ This is His commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as He commanded us.

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[DEEPER STUDY # 2 \(Exodus 20:3\) Commandments, The Ten— Benefits— Obedience](#) see below page # 28 for more discussion.

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DEEPER STUDY # 1

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 \(NASB\)](#)

¹ Then 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.

The motivation for keeping the Ten Commandments is not to be fear of the judgment of God. The reason for keeping the commandments is to be the love of God, the glorious salvation and deliverance He has provided.

Note what God says:

[Exodus 20:2 \(NASB\)](#)

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

The Israelites were to keep the Ten Commandments because God had delivered them out of Egypt, out of slavery and bondage. Remember, Egypt is a picture of the world, and Israel's slavery to Egypt is a picture of man's enslavement to the world, to its bondages of sin and death. But God loves us; therefore, He has provided salvation for us in Christ Jesus our Lord. It is this—the love of God—that is to compel us to keep His commandments. But having said this, there are other reasons for obeying the commandments.