

The Second Commandment

No Idols or Graven Images

Exodus 20:3-17

Intro

Posted: In your house, and in your heart.

N.T. - Not to destroy the law but to fulfill it.

Schoolmaster (bus driver) to bring (drive) us to Christ.

Purpose of Law: 1) Convict 2) Correct 3) Protect & 4) Direct

1st Command: No other before, beside me: Passion, Purpose and Priority of your life

Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image or likeness of any thing...

1. Idols - Remaking God to Suit You

(God Substitutes - things we worship)

Idols are God-Robbers

- Thieves and traitors. Trading God in for something created of far less value.
- Earth enamoured, in love with things, pleasures, people, moey.
- Security Blankets - things we cling to, coddle, carress.

Golden Calf

- Shadows of the real
- Substitutes, usurpers
- The thing more than the Creator - Romans 1

Good Luck Charms - mother luck

- Amulets
- Statues
- Lottery
- Holy Things - Crucifix - Pictures of Jesus
- The Bible - the book

False Images of God the Father

- Your God is too Small - JB Phillips
- Grandfatherly type - Tolerant, permissive,
- Santa Claus - The Man Upstairs
- Man-made God to order -

2. Chastisement!

There are consequences for leaving God, for trading him in, for whittling him down to size.

Here is the “WHY?” of the Commandment.

5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am **a jealous God.**

visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;

6 **And showing mercy** unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

1 Corinthians 12:2 Ye know that ye were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led.

2 Corinthians 6:16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in *them*; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

The Ten Commandments (The List)

1. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
2. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image.
3. Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain.
4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
5. Honor thy father and thy mother.
6. Thou shalt not kill.
7. Thou shalt not commit adultery.
8. Thou shalt not steal.
9. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.
10. Thou shalt not covet.

The Ten Commandments

(FULL VERSION - KJV)

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3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;

6 And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

7 Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

8 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

9 Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:

10 But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:

11 For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

12 Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

13 Thou shalt not kill.

14 Thou shalt not commit adultery.

15 Thou shalt not steal.

16 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

17 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbor's.

The Ten Commandments

Do You Know The 10 Commandments?

1. Thou shalt _____.

2. Thou shalt _____.

3. Thou shalt _____.

4. Remember _____.

5. Honor thy _____.

6. Thou shalt _____.

7. Thou shalt _____.

8. Thou shalt _____.

9. Thou shalt _____.

10. Thou shalt _____.

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Dumb Idols

- Habakkuk 2:18 What profiteth the graven image that the maker thereof hath graven it; the molten image, and a teacher of lies, that the maker of his work trusteth therein, to make [dumb idols](#)?
- 1 Corinthians 12:2 Ye know that ye were Gentiles, carried away unto these [dumb idols](#), even as ye were led.

Psalm 115:8

- 3 But our God *is* in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased.
- 4 Their idols *are* silver and gold, the work of men's hands.
- 5 They have mouths, but they speak not: eyes have they, but they see not:
- 6 They have ears, but they hear not: noses have they, but they smell not:
- 7 They have hands, but they handle not: feet have they, but they walk not: neither speak they through their throat.
- 8 They that make them are like unto them; *so is* every one that trusteth in them.

Worship or Bow Down