

The Ten Commandments for Today

The First Commandment • Exodus 20:2-3

Loving God In An Age Of Idolatry

Which Word Best Describes Your Life?

- Empty Searching Fulfilled

The Secret to a Satisfied Life Is Found in the First Commandment!

You shall have NO OTHER gods before Me.
Exodus 20:3

Loving God in an Age of Idolatry:

1. The First Commandment Demands MONOTHEISM in Our Worldview!

God Is Saying First and Foremost:

"I am to be your ONE and ONLY God!"

*"And there is no other God besides Me, a just God and a Savior; there is none besides Me."
Isaiah 45:21*

Keeping the First Commandment Means...

- Saying no to ATHEISM. *"I am the Lord your God" Exodus 20:2a*

- Saying no to DEISM. *"Who brought you out of and land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage." Exodus 20:2b*

- Saying no to POLYTHEISM. *"You shall have no other gods before Me." Exodus 20:3*

2. The First Commandment Demands LOYALTY in Our Worship!

God Is a Jealous God...

Therefore, He will not SHARE His glory and worship with any other god.

*"I am the LORD; that is my name! I will not yield my glory to another or my praise to idols."
Isaiah 42:8*

"You shall have no other gods before Me"

"Before Me" does not mean it is permissible to worship others gods, so long as we put God FIRST. It means we are not allowed to worship anyone or anything besides God.

What happens when we break the first commandment?

We discover that other gods don't SATISFY and can't SAVE.

*"Yet when I surveyed all that my hands had done and what I had toiled to achieve, everything was meaningless, a chasing after the wind; nothing was gained under the sun. So I hated life, because the work that is done under the sun was grievous to me."
~King Solomon, Ecclesiastes 2:11, 17a*

Two Tests for Idolatry:

- The LOVE test: *Who or what do you love?*

- The TRUST test: *Who or what do you trust?*

What can deliver us from the worship of all other gods?

Fall passionately in LOVE with God by trusting in His Son Jesus Christ!

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one! You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength." Deuteronomy 6:4-5

"You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment." ~Jesus, Matthew 22:37