

## The Ten Commandments for Today

*The Second Commandment • Exodus 20:4-6*

### Worshipping The Right God, The Right Way

#### What Kind of Legacy Are You Leaving Behind?

A legacy worth remembering keeps the SECOND commandment!

*You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything...you shall not bow down to them or worship them. Exodus 20:4-5 NIV*

#### What Is the Difference Between the First and Second Commandments?

The first forbids false GODS, the second forbids false WORSHIP.

#### Worshipping the Right God, the Right Way:

### 1. The Command: Don't Worship a SUBSTITUTE for God!

*You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. Exodus 20:4-5*

#### **What Is an "Idol"?**

An "idol" is anything that CAPTURES the heart and is inflated to function as a substitute for God.

*Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen. 1John 5:21*

#### **Why is worshipping a false image or substitute for God so dangerous?**

We BECOME like that which we worship.

*Those who make them [idols] will be like them, and so will all who trust in them. Psalm 115:8 NIV*

*What fault did your ancestors find in Me, that they strayed so far from Me? They followed worthless idols and became worthless themselves. Jeremiah 2:5 NIV*

### 2. The Reason: God Is a JEALOUS God!

*For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God... Exodus 20:5*

#### **Because of God's Holy Jealousy, Accept No Substitutes!**

Worshipping the right God, the right way will DELIGHT you (fulfillment) and DELIVER you (freedom)!

*Delight yourself also in the LORD, and He shall give you the desires of your heart. Psalm 37:4*

*"If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ~Jesus, John 8:31-32*

#### **What does the Second Commandment say about our worship today?**

We must be very careful that the VISUAL never eclipses the VERBAL in our worship!

### 3. The Warning: The CONSEQUENCES of False Worship Will Last for Generations!

*...visiting [punishing] the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me... Exodus 20:5*

### 4. The Promise: The BLESSINGS of True Worship Will Last Forever!

*...but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments. Exodus 20:5*

#### **What Can Save Us from Our Own Private Idolatries?**

Rather than remaking God into OUR image, we need to be remade into HIS image through a saving relationship with His Son Jesus Christ!