

Series: Honoring God in the 10 Commandments

Title: A Way Worth Worshiping

Text: (Ex 20:4-6)

The 10 commandments are not arbitrary.
They are universal!

The 10 commandments are not temporary.
They are eternal.

The 10 Commandments aren't a Ladder to heaven

God chose to Save Abraham with a promise.
(Rom 4:13,16, 5)

God gave the 10 Commandments to show us our sin and need of a savior:
(Rom 7:7)

The law condemns our sin. (Rom 7:13)
The Commandments were given to people that God had already redeemed.

These were people of Faith.
They heard the Word of God and Acted on it by faith.

The WHOLE bible is a book of GRACE!

God has only had 1 plan.
To Save by Grace Through Faith! (Gal 2:21)

This is not outdated, but Timeless Truth
(Ps 119:89)

This is eternal: (Ps 119:152)

Maybe you've heard a person say you shouldn't break the 10 Commandments.

You don't break the 10 Commandments.
You are broken on the 10 Commandments.

The 1st Commandment tells us Who to Worship.
(Ex 20:3)

The 2nd Commandment tells us What not to Worship: (Ex 20:4)

The 1st Commandment forbids False Gods,
The 2nd Commandment forbids False Worship.
(Ex 20:5)

The greatest gift you can teach your kids is to teach them how to worship God.

Pastor: We come to church to worship.
Praise the Lord and everyone should.
But that's not the only way to worship.

The 1st week: The 10 Commandments were given to parents to teach their children at home.
(Deut 6:6-7) **A Home Grown Law School**

Last Week: A God Worth Honoring.
We honor God by giving Him the Preeminence.
(Ex 20:3) *Thou shalt have no other gods before me.*

The 2nd Commandment: (Exodus 20:4-6)
People think that the 10 comm are Only negative.

But they can be taken in the positive!

Illus: A Car Battery has + & -

For Everything Negative God says, there is an equal and opposite Positive to that brings blessings.

When God says “*thou shalt*”

He is saying “*help yourself to happiness*”.

When God says “*thou shall not*”

He is saying “*don't hurt yourself*”.

God Owns us by Right of Creation.

God as the Owner of us has the right of Privilege of Choice.

God is Sovereign. God knows what's best for us.

God Redeemed our Souls by Calvary.

He is our Life giver & thus our Master.

WE belong to him.

We are God's work of art.

Our life is given to us by God.

God Owns our life, He is the Master.

God is worthy of our life and our worship.

Worship is a Sign of Worth-ship.

He is the only one who is worthy of our life, our strength, our intellect, our everything, and it is to be given to him as a sign of worship.

Because he is the master, all of our being belongs to him.

By doing this, we are showing God His Worth!

(Recap)

The 1st Commandment tells us Who to Worship.

(Ex 20:3) *Thou shalt have no other gods before me.*

The 2nd Commandment tells us How to Worship:

Why is this important?

1. **A proper conception of God leads to a proper worship of God. (Ex 20:4)**

(Ps115:4-8)

Here he speaks of the utter futility, stupidity, and idiocy of those who worship handcrafted idols.

(Vs 8) how many are those that create them.

We are shaped by what we worship.

We mold the idol, and then the idol molds us.

That is why we must have a proper concept of God.

We must understand who God is and what God is like.

He is spirit. (John 4:24)

“God IS spirit” that's the essence of His being.

If God were definable by my 3lb brain, he would not be GOD at all.

(IS 40:25)

God is not a super being like we think of in a movie

He is Infinite!

He is Holy!

He is outside of that which we could conceivably use to define Him with.

(Job 40:10-14) Man, if clothed in God's majesty & power, still could not answer God, nor do what God does.

Man is Incurably Religious

Every man has a God shaped hole in his soul.
Every man wants to worship something.

Ancient man would create idols of his vices.
Lust, Greed, Drunkenness, Sex & Pleasure.

Bacchus the god of wine, Drank till they puked.
Called the Puke an offering.

Baal: Fertility God. Worshipped with Sex.

They created idols of their vices to legitimize their behavior and their appetites.
We think we've come so far as a species but we continue to create idols out of our vices, in hopes of legitimizing them.

A Proper Concept of God leads to...

2. Proper Worship

This is very helpful for us to understand the jealousy of God as mentioned in Exodus 20:5

We think of jealousy as a hateful green eyed monster, and it is.
But this is talking about a holy jealousy, righteous jealousy, a spiritual jealousy, and that's why I don't worship is referred to as adultery.

God has a right to be jealous because there is only one God, not two, not multiples, there is only one God.

He's the one who created us, the one who bought us at Calvary, and he has the right to be jealous.

Here in America we really don't see a lot of idols made of wood or stone covered in gold with precious jewels and the like.

The Bible speaks of several things being Idolatry of the heart. (Col 3:5)

All of these in this list are called Idols:

Fornication: Sex outside of marriage

Uncleanness: Moral Impurity

Inordinate affection: Unrestrained Feelings

Evil Concupiscence = Ardent Sexual Desire

Covetousness: Unrestrained desire of wealth or possessions; greedy

The Worship of Self. (2 Timothy 3:2)

Anything you Love more, Fear more, Serve more, Desire more than God is an idol.

Some people make a God of money.

They say "*all those people down at the church want is money*", when in fact that's all he wants is his money.

Greed is his God.

His creed is: "*Get all you can, can all you get, sit on the lid, and poison the rest.*"

He worships the Almighty Dollar: (Matt 6:24)

Some People Worship the Family:

We can be christian and not attend church.

We can be christian and not serve in the church.

God gave me this family and I will put my family first.

You are making a terrible mistake:

(Matt 10:37) *He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.*

How do you think we arrived at this child centered society?

Everybody Accommodates their children and we have raised a generation Tyrants.

Children are in charge of the parents schedule.

(Prov 22:6)

Have you tried making “No” actually “Mean NO”

(Prov 22:15)

The teenagers Hijack the spirit of the home.

They Pout & Mope, or Worse.

(Prov 30:11-17)

Electronic entertainment is the new pacifier.

“I’m Bored” -

The Best thing you can do is NOT put them first, but PUT God first.

Sara is not unhappy with being 2nd place in my life.

I love her so much more than I would if God weren’t first place in my heart.

I love her with a love that God has given me that I would not have to love her with w/o God being 1st in my heart.

Some People Worship Popularity:

(John 12:42-43)

They believed in Jesus, but were not going to make it public, so as to not lose their social standing in their community.

Is that you?

Some People Worship Sex & Pleasure:

(Col 3:5)

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(2Tim3:4) *lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God*

Some People Worship Sports & Activities:

I am amazed how Sunday has become FUN day.

The god of this world can fill stadiums and arenas with christians but the God of the universe can’t fill a sanctuary with His people.

We have too many Idols and Too few Heroes.

1. A Proper Conception of God. (Vs 4)
2. A Proper Love of God. (Vs 5)

False Worship Corrupts the mind & creates a family Curse.

Not the Guilt of the Father's sin, but the results of the Father's Guilt is visited on the children & Grand kids.

(2 Chron 26:1-5) Uzziah was a the King of Israel.

A Good Man, who served the Lord

(2 Chronicles 26:16) Lifted up with Pride

Uzziah decided he would worship God the way he wanted to worship.

Uzziah worshipped the true God in a false way.

Uzziah's wrong Worship gave his son the wrong Conception of God.

(2 Chron 27:1-2) Jotham was a good king, but decided he wouldn't go to church.

"I can love God without having to go to church."

Many people feel this way today.

They can worship at the lake, or ball field.

(2 Chron 27:9) After Jotham, Ahaz his son reigned.

(2 Chron 28:1-2) Ahaz became a Pagan Idolater.

(2 Chron 28:24-25) Ahaz closes the church down.

His father had no use for the house of God, why should he.

(2 Chron 28:3) Ahaz sacrificed his children to false Gods.

Molec was a molten image of a false god, a devil stealing glory from God.

The Image had a hollow belly that was stoked like a furnace.

People would take their little new borns babies & throw them in the fire alive.

"Oh no one would kill a baby"

Really, We have come along way in 2019 haven't we?

Uzziah was a good Dad, but worshiped God the wrong way, gave his son a false conception of God.

Jotham Didn't believe he needed to go to church.

Ahaz closed down the church and was a pagan.

Ahaz's children were burned alive in pagan worship.

It all started with a Dad who would not worship God properly.

Their is a Way Worth Worshipping, that has a promise tied to it.

(Ps 112:1-2)

Their is a Way to Worship that God Hates, and it has a promise tied to it also.

(Ex 20:5)

IT doesn't matter how I worship God, as long as my heart is right.

The problem is, your heart isn't right or you would do it according to truth!

The word (Jn 4:24)

I can do as I please as long as no one else gets hurt.

No One has ever sinned, where somebody hasn't gotten hurt!

No One sins by themselves.

There are no SOLO Siners.

Sin never hurts just one person.

We are bound to each other.

The most hideous consequence is the consequences dealt out upon the children of the idolaters.

There is a way Worth Worshipping that has a positive Promise too.

I am living for my kinds, my Grand kids, and my Great Grand kids. (Multi-Generational)

(2 Tim 1:5)

When do you begin training children?

When they are 1 yr old? 6mo ? 3mo? 1mo?

No Start with you!

Start training your children by training yourself before you have kids.

Parents: Do you worship the 1 true God?

Your Integrity is a form of Worship.

Are you selling your integrity to worship at the Altar of Popularity?

Your Character is a Form of Worship.

Are you worshipping God by surrendering to your flesh or surrendering to the Holy Spirit?

Are you worshipping God by surrendering to the Holy Spirit by Faith to produce the Fruits of the Spirit in your life?

(Gal 5:22-23)

Are you Worshipping God by choosing to Love others more than you love your self?

Are you Worshipping God by choosing to rejoice over what God is doing more than your self gratification?

Are you Worshipping God by choosing to be at Peace with others more than your self gratification of winning an argument, or seeming more intelligent?

Are you Worshipping God by choosing to be Long Suffering with the Shortcomings of others just like God is longsuffering with your Short Comings?

Are you Worshipping God by choosing to be Gentle rather than your self gratification of Anger?

Are you Worshipping God by choosing to be Benevolent with your Goodness to others more than your Stingy Lust of the Flesh?

Meekness, Temperance:

This is how you worship God!

Worship is showing God His Worth!

Greatest display of Worship is Obedience!

(Gal 5:24-26) Are you Worshipping God by choosing to Crucify your flesh daily rather than fulfilling your affections and lusts?

Do your children know you love HIM more than anything else.

1 Have 4 children, they know I am not perfect.

Parents: You can not teach what you do not know, anymore than you can come from where you have never been.