

**Title: No More Idols**

**Text: Exodus 20:4-6**

**Target:** If not careful, we will assume this is the commandment we struggle with the least. Today, we will discover that we actually struggle with this commandment the most.

- I. **This Commandment \_\_\_\_\_ prevents:** *"You shall not **make** for yourself a carved **image**, or 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."* (Vs. 4)
- A. **A Misunderstanding of God: "make for yourself"**
1. If a god has to be made it is not God.
  2. A "god" made for yourself, reveals the real god.
- B. **A Misrepresentation of God: "image" and "likeness"** -God made us in His image, we are to not make a god in our image.
1. **Genesis 1:27:** *"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them."*
  2. **Colossians 1:15:** *"He is the image of the invisible God."*
  3. **Hebrews 1:3:** *"He is the radiance of the glory of God and exact imprint of his nature."*
  4. **Luke 20:25:** *"Then render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."*
- II. **This Commandment \_\_\_\_\_ protects:** *"You shall not **bow down** to them or **serve** them..."* (Vs. 5)
- A. **Against Misplaced Worship: "bow down to them"**
1. **Place of Affection:** Heart
  2. **Priority of Adoration:** Soul
  3. **Possesses Attention:** Mind
  4. **Persistent in Aspiration:** Strength
- B. **Against Misguided Service: "serve them"**
1. For what you worship you will serve.
  2. If what you worship is not God, you will be enslaved.

**Golden Triangle:** Exodus 32:4-5, 1 John 2:15-17

- III. **This Commandment \_\_\_\_\_ provokes:** *"for I the LORD your God am a **jealous** God, **visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children** to the **third and the fourth generation** of those who hate me,"* (5b)
- A. **A response of Clarification: "jealous GOD"**
1. I AM your Savior.
  2. I AM your Sustainer.
  3. I AM your Satisfaction.
- B. **A recourse of Corruption: "visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children"**
1. What you do is more caught than taught!
  2. What you pursue, you pattern!
- IV. **This Commandment \_\_\_\_\_ promises:** *"but showing **steadfast love** to **thousands** of those who love me and keep my commandments."* (Vs. 6)
- A. **A Love that is Loyal: "steadfast love"**
- B. **A Legacy that is Lasting: "thousands"**

**Takeaway:** Ask people you love and trust the following question: What seems to be the most important aspect of my life from your perspective?