

Title: ONE GOD

Text: Exodus 20:1-3

Target: Understanding and applying this first commandment of the ten commandments is not just recommended, it is critically imperative. Because without clarity of who God is, one will lack the motivation and means to live a life fully set free.

Quick Reminder:

- Salvation is not earned by keeping the 10 Commandments: Galatians 2:16
- No one can keep the 10 Commandments perfectly: Galatians 3:10
- You break 1 Commandment then all are broken: James 2:10
- The 10 Commandments point to our need for a Savior: Galatians 3:24
- Keeping the 10 Commandments reveal we have a Savior: 1 John 2:3

COMMANDMENT # 1: NO OTHER “g”ODS

- I. **God Reveals Himself Personally:** “And God **spoke** all these words, saying, “**I am** the Lord **your** God” (Vs. 1-2a)
 - A. **Makes Himself Accessible:** “I am the **Lord**”
 1. **Revealing His Name:** Yahweh-Most Proper and Common Name (Gen. 2:4)
 2. **Revealing His Nature:** “I Am who I Am” (Ex. 3:14)
 - B. **Makes Himself Applicable:** “**your** God”
 1. **His Commandments for you:** For our good!
 2. **His Covenant to you:** For His glory!
- II. **God Reigns in the Highest Authority:** “who **brought** you out of the land of **Egypt**, out of the house of slavery.” (Vs. 2b) *All the Plagues were aimed at the gods of Egypt
 - A. **He is Omnipotent: All Powerful**
 1. **In all Creation:** (Hebrews 1:3)
 2. **His Purposes Cannot be Stopped:** (Job 42:2)
 3. **Has no Limitations:** (Jeremiah 32:27)
 - B. **He is Omnipresent: Everywhere all at the same time:** (Psalm 139)
 - C. **He is Omniscient: All Knowing, never not informed:** (Isaiah 40:13)
- III. **God Requires to be worshipped in Exclusivity:** “You shall have no other gods before me.” (Vs. 3)
 - A. **Reject Plurality:** “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is **one** Lord” (Deuteronomy 6:4)
 1. **Leaving Egypt:** Don’t bring them with you.
 2. **Arriving in Canaan:** Don’t be tempted by them.
 - B. **Recognize the Priority:** “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.” (Matt. 22:37-38)

Take Away: Our God has no rivals, no limitations, no needs nor wants, but is jealous of your worship, because He not only built you, but He bought you too.