

Series "Ten Commandments"
"Only One God"
Exodus 20:1-3
Part-2

#1 Commandment: Exodus 20:1-3

Exodus 19:1-2 – we have the setting for "The Ten Commandments."

The first 4 Commandments deal with Our (Reverence) of God:

1. Have no other gods – The Object of Worship.
2. Shall not make a graven image – True form of Worship.
3. Shall not take the name of the Lord our God in vain – Perpetual Worship.
4. Remember the Sabbath day to keep holy – Time to Worship.

The next 6 Commandments deal with our (respect) of man!

This first commandment is the key to opening all the others. It starts with putting God first.

Thought Of The Passage: "As Soon As Man Is Alienated From This True God, He Sets Up Other Gods."

1. Why Are We Told To Have No Other Gods?

2. What Are These Other Gods?

3. How Do We Guard Against Other Gods?

4. How To Know The True God

1. Why Are We Told To Have No Other Gods?

Exodus 20:1-2

"I am the LORD" – Jehovah, "Self-Existent or Eternal," your God, Elohim
"the Supreme God."

This brings man into the presence of "Self-Existent or Eternal, the Supreme God." God Is Revealed Through Creation – Genesis 1:1.

God Is Revealed Through Judgment – Romans 1:18.

"who brought you" – "the second person singular," which means that "God is addressing each person by name."

It is important that we receive each one of these Ten Commandments as God's gift of love to us.

1# Commandment – verse 3: “You shall have no other gods before Me.”
(Preeminence)

Psalm 14:1

Romans 1:18-23

Psalms 19:1

There is no middle ground. Either we are a worshipper of the true God,
or we are worshippers of a false God.

This Commandment starts with the reality of God; That God is God.

Psalmists – do not argue God; they realize who He is and rejoice in His mercies. The prophets – don’t prove God but proclaim Him.

Jesus – never proved the existence of God, He revealed Him.

Exodus 20:3 – “You shall have no other gods before Me.” – Literal translation would read, “If you will let all other gods go, then you shall have me.”

1 Corinthians 8:4

Idolatry – is substituting someone or something in the place of God.

God demands first place in our lives because of who He is: Exodus 20:2.

“I am” – He is eternal, past, and future. He is the eternal God.

All that we would ever have need of, God is.

God demands first place in our lives because of what He has done:
Exodus 20:2.

God Is The One And Only.

God Proved That He Was One.

God Is Gracious.

2. What Are These Other Gods?

The god of Wealth – Money – Matthew 6:24

The god of Materialism.

The god of Fame.

The god of Pleasure.

The god of Appetite – Philippians 3:19; Romans 16:18.

The god of Sex.

The god of Alcohol/Drugs.

The god of Health.

The god of Power.

The god of Knowledge – Technology.

The god of Nature.

The god of Sports.

2 Timothy 3:1-4

3. How Do We Guard Against Other Gods? How do we guard against other gods? By a choice!

Joshua 24:14-15

Elijah said to the people on Mount Carmel: 1 Kings 18:21.

Luke 9:23

4. How To Know The True God: God wanted His People to think and be Monotheistic (Belief of One God).

Matthew 11:28-30

Positive – That if we have no other gods; but with the Lord we have the positive, "We shall have Him!"

You shall love Me! Deuteronomy 6:5-6

Matthew 22:37-38

1 Corinthians 15:10

Application: What to do:

1. Get alone with the Lord and ask the questions "Who or what is my God? What is the center of my life? What do I rely on?"
2. What do we think about during the day, when we wake, when we have moments alone?
3. What is most important to us? What is the priority of life?
4. Do we find our spiritual hunger diminishing? (What are we munching on?)
5. Do we look forward to spending time with the Lord? The Word? With other believers?
6. Do we love the instruction of God's Word?