

THE TEN COMMANDMENT SERIES  
INTO THE HEART OF GOD

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

**COMMANDMENT ONE**

*DEVELOPING A HEALTHY REVERANCE OF THE LORD  
AS WE LOOK INTO THE HEART OF GOD AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS*

**The 1<sup>st</sup>. of The 10 Commandments**

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

**Holiness, Reverence, Fear, Love, Discipleship**

**Introduction to the Text;**

**Matt. 15:17-18**

**The Theme and Textual Summation of the Passage**

**Matt. 5:17-18**

“Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. :18 For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.

The 1<sup>st</sup>. Commandment (vertical)

**Exodus 20:2-3**

“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. **“You shall have no other gods before Me.**

The Giving of the 10 Commandments.

Take the time to read exodus 19-20 And put yourself in the scene

**Ex. 20:18-19**

Now all the people witnessed the thunderings, the lightning flashes, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw *it*, they trembled and stood afar off. :19 Then they said to Moses, “You speak with us, and we will hear; but let not God speak with us, lest we die.”

What was God doing by all this – He was calling out of the world a people for Himself. – *The Descendants of Abraham*

**Ex. 20:19-20**

Then they said to Moses, “You speak with us, and we will hear; but let not God speak with us, lest we die.” :20 And Moses said to the people, “Do not fear; for God has come to prove you, and that His fear may be before you, *so that you may not sin.*”

AND THERE IS A SIN THAT IS DO WASY TO COMMIT,  
THE SIN OF IDOLATRY

**Deut. 6:12**

beware, lest you forget the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.

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COMMANDMENT ONE

INTO THE HEART OF GOD

**1.) Real love for the real God**

The 1<sup>st</sup>. Commandment (vertical)

**Exodus 20:3**

*“You shall have no other gods before Me.*”

**How can this possibly be true** when the bible teaches that there is only one God – the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. **Why even command such a thing?**

It's Because We Create god's to Fit Our Desires.

I've seen t-shirts and bumper stickers that say  
“Man Created God in His Own Image.”

I happen to agree with that because... people will create a god that approves of what they desire to do - - with a bit of religion  
Mixed in with it.

## REAL LOVE FOR THE REAL GOD

### 1a.) Real God means **real** devotion with God

The 1<sup>st</sup>. Commandment (**vertical**)

#### Exodus 20:2-3

"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. ***"You shall have no other gods before Me.***

Notice He didn't say "god" as in singular but gods as in the plural.

That's because **man's heart is in fact an altar**. Many gods rival for our control. The gods of sex, the gods of amusement, the gods of power, the gods of wealth, the gods of...Because we can and do have other gods before Him.

### BUT HE ALONE IS GOD

#### Ex. 33:16-18

For how then will it be known that Your people and I have found grace in Your sight, except You go with us? So we shall be separate, Your people and I, from all the people who *are* upon the face of the earth." :17 So the LORD said to Moses, "I will also do this thing that you have spoken; for you have found grace in My sight, and I know you by name." :18 And he said, ***"Please, show me Your glory."***

"I want deliberately to encourage this mighty longing after God. The lack of it has brought us to our present low estate. The stiff and wooden quality about our religious lives is a result of our lack of holy desire. Complacency is a deadly foe of all spiritual growth. Acute desire must be present or there will be no manifestation of Christ to His people. He waits to be wanted. Too bad that with many of us He waits so long, so very long, in vain." - A.W. Tozer

**I Want You Think for a Moment;**  
Of what the others gods have done for its worshippers?

## What Has Our God Done for Us?

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1. Our God made the universe to Glorify Him
2. Our God made the angels to Serve Him
3. Our God made mankind to Love Him
4. Our God made the sea creatures to Bless Him
5. Our God made the Bible to Reveal Him
6. Our God made salvation to Honor Him

### **This is My God – Who’s your god ?**

#### **Ex. 32:1-5**

Now when the people saw that Moses delayed coming down from the mountain, the people gathered together to Aaron, and said to him, “Come, make us gods that shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.” :2 And Aaron said to them, “Break off the golden earrings which are in the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.” :3 So all the people broke off the golden earrings which were in their ears, and brought them to Aaron. :4 And he received the gold from their hand, and he fashioned it with an engraving tool, and made a molded calf. Then they said, “This is your god, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt!” :5 So when Aaron saw it, he built an altar before it. And Aaron made a proclamation and said, “Tomorrow is a feast to the LORD.”

The LORD Who ? = the lord bull

#### **Ex. 32:15-20**

And Moses turned and went down from the mountain, and the two tablets of the Testimony *were* in his hand. The tablets *were* written on both sides; on the one *side* and on the other they were written. :16 Now the tablets *were* the work of God, and the writing *was* the writing of God engraved on the tablets. :17 And when Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said to Moses, “*There is* a noise of war in the camp.” :18 But he said: “*It is* not the noise of the shout of victory, Nor the noise of the cry of defeat, *But* the sound of singing I hear.” :19 So it was, as soon as he came near the camp, that he saw the calf and the dancing. So Moses’ anger became hot, and he cast the tablets out of his hands and broke them at the foot of the mountain. :20 Then he took the calf which they had made, burned it in the fire, and ground it to powder; and he scattered it on the water and made the children of Israel drink it.

Because - Your god will answer you if you want him or her to.  
**Forgetting This 1<sup>st</sup>. Commandment is Scary and Way to Common.**

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### REAL LOVE FOR THE REAL GOD

#### 1b.) Real God means **real** love for people

The 1<sup>st</sup>. Commandment (vertical)

**Exodus 20:3**

***“You shall have no other gods before Me.***

**It’s a proven fact that any man or woman who does not have the concept, thought or reality of God in their thinking – is a potentially dangerous person. - - Here’s why. **They cannot value life as high as a believer does. Its not possible for a believer to hate another person.****

**Hatred leads to murder**

**Matt. 5:21-22**

***“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.’ :22 But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment.***

### THE TEN COMMANDMENTS ARE ACTUALLY THE; TEN PRINCIPLES OR TEN WORDS OR TEN GUIDES

The Hebrew word is “A-Saraht Hay-D-brot “  
the words or directions or guidelines for life and relationship  
(in holiness)

*In Jewish Thought;  
This 1<sup>st</sup>. Commandment is linked to the 6<sup>th</sup>. Commandment*

commandment **1** relates to commandment **6**

The 6<sup>th</sup>. Commandment (horizontal)

**Exodus 20:13**

“You shall not murder.

**The 1<sup>st</sup>. Commandment is **Practically** Lived Out  
by Applying The 6<sup>th</sup>. Commandment**

**1John 4:19**

We love Him because He first loved us.

**God Cannot Murder, Only a Hateful Human Can do That.  
(The LORD has Sanctioned the killing that is associated with  
war. He has also sanctioned execution in Judgment. Neither of  
those two things are murder.)**

**1John 4:20-21**

If someone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? **:21** And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God *must* love his brother also.

**1John 3:14-16**

We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love *his* brother abides in death. **:15** Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. **:16** By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down *our* lives for the brethren.

## REAL LOVE FOR THE REAL GOD

### 1c.) Real God means **real** dependence upon God

The 1<sup>st</sup>. Commandment (vertical)

**Exodus 20:2-3**

“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. **“You shall have no other gods before Me.**”

### BECAUSE HE’S THE LORD GOD... He Has Been Good To Us.

**Psa. 103:2-4**

Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: **:3** Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, **:4** Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies,

America Has Willful Amnesia – She’s Deliberately Forgotten God

**Our Pursuit of God is the Proof of Our Dependence Upon God.**

**Deut. 6:12**

beware, lest you **forget** the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.

**Jer. 2:11-13**

Has a nation changed *its* gods, Which *are* not gods? But My people have changed their Glory For *what* does not profit. **:12** Be astonished, O heavens, at this, And be horribly afraid; Be very desolate,” says the LORD. **:13** “For My people have committed two evils: They have forsaken Me, the fountain of living waters, *And* hewn themselves cisterns—broken cisterns that can hold no water.

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# REAL LOVE FOR THE REAL GOD

## 1d.) Real God means **real** impact in the world

The 1<sup>st</sup>. Commandment (vertical)

**Exodus 20:3**

“You shall have no other gods before Me.

## BECAUSE HE’S THE LORD GOD THINGS HAPPEN

### An Honest Confession Tonight;

“I believe I’m the only one responsible for holding God back in my life.”

He has made his desire and intentions clear...

**Matt. 28:19-20**

**Go** therefore and **make disciples** of all the nations, **baptizing them** in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **:20 teaching them** to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even to the end of the age.*” Amen.

**Psa. 24:1-4**

The earth *is* the LORD’S, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell therein. **:2** For He has founded it upon the seas, And established it upon the waters. **:3** Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who may stand in His holy place? **:4** He who has clean hands and a pure heart, Who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, Nor sworn deceitfully.

**2Tim. 4:3-5**

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, *because* they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; **:4** and they will turn *their* ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. **:5** But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.



## REAL LOVE FOR THE REAL GOD

### 1e.) Real God means **real** heart to follow after God

The 1<sup>st</sup>. Commandment (vertical)

**Exodus 20:3**

“You shall have no other gods before Me.

**By Nature, The LORD is One.**

But its impossible for Him to be Number 1. Because that implies He could be second or third. The fact is, He is “Exclusively Preeminent”

It’s not possible for Him to be second or third because there are none like Him.

*Idolatry is Satan’s Trump Card.*

**Satan Desires You to Have the LORD become No. 2 In the priority of life.**

*Christians are struggling today because there’s a tolerated weakness in the body of believers. There’s an apathy that is a result of a lack of a passionate pursuit for God.*

### **Listen to David’s Thirsty Soul...**

**Psa. 42:1-2**

As the deer pants for the water brooks, So pants my soul for You, O God. :2  
My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God?

### **Hear Paul’s Cry for More of God...**

**Phil. 3:10**

that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,

## When other gods like “desire” or “willfulness”

Takes the lead – we go off the straight path

### Acts 17:28-29

for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, “For we are also His offspring.” :29 Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man’s devising.

### Psa. 139:2

You know when I sit and when I rise;  
you perceive my **thoughts** from afar.

**thoughts** HEB. רעא, ray’-ah The formation, motivation and collection of our thoughts.

### Heb. 4:12-13

For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. :13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight,

## BECAUSE HE’S THE LORD GOD

HE DESIRES US TO BE FORGIVEN AND RESTORED TO HIM.

### 2Pet. 3:9

The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

### 1John 5:13

These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may *continue to* believe in the name of the Son of God.

**Give The Invitation & Challenge**

**QUE - WORSHIP TEAM TO COME OUT  
"THE MOMENT OF DECISION IS NOW"**

**"Lets Remain Seated as We Pray, No Distractions Please"**

**Off The Air**

*End of Study*

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