

THE TEN COMMANDMENT SERIES  
INTO THE HEART OF GOD

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

**COMMANDMENT TWO  
IDOLS AND YOU**

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

**The 2<sup>nd</sup>. of The 10 Commandments**

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

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

**Introduction to the Text; [Matt. 15:17-18](#) / [Exodus 20:4](#)**

**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.

– Adolf Hitler

**“The Ten Commandments have lost their validity.  
Conscience is a Jewish invention, it is a blemish like  
circumcision.”**

**Ex. 20:4**

“You shall not make for yourself a carved image - 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;

## 2 Tables / 10 Commandments in Moses Hands

Why Were The 10 Commandments (*Principles*) Written on Two Tables?

Why didn't God just write smaller?

**Because the number Two speaks of Relationship, Pairs and Unity, Community.**

Commandment **1** relates to Commandment **6**

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

**Exodus 20:3**

"I am the LORD **your** God. You shall have **no other gods before Me.**

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

**Exodus 20:13**

"You shall not **murder.**

Commandment **2** relates to Commandment **7**

The **2<sup>nd</sup>**. Commandment (**vertical**)

**Exodus 20:4**

"You shall not make for yourself **a carved image** (*an idol*) of 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;

The **7<sup>th</sup>**. Commandment (**horizontal**)

**Exodus 20:14**

"You shall not commit **adultery.**

So then we're learning that the **second** table's **strength** is dependent upon the **first** table's **truth.**

So Then The Issue is;

Our Man-Made or Self-made Idols

Rival Our Affection for God – Which is a Form of Spiritual Adultery

**To God – Idolatry is Spiritual Adultery in His Heart.**

**“You shall not make for yourself**  
the futility of what we create for our religious purposes.

**a carved image**

(the golden calves in our lives are our “accommodating idols” who grant us permission slips to create a “my-god” created in my own image)

**“of any likeness of anything**

the gods of earthly value - pop culture gods are constantly changing

**that is in heaven above, (spirit) or that is in the earth  
beneath, (body) or that is in the water under the earth; (soul)**

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## THE SECOND COMMANDMENT

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### 1.) Locating your idol(s)

this means you need to find out “Where” it’s altar is in your life.

As Christians we are to be following the Lord as He has dictated. He is not our servant-god. When we ask the Lord to bless our lives, just what are we asking of Him and why. We make Idols real in our lives, but how we do it is rather subtle.

An idol is that which was once good. In fact the better, shiner, bigger, something is, the greater the danger of it becoming an idol in our lives. But know this – we are the idol makers in our lives.

John Calvin once said,  
“Our hearts are idol making factories.

### A God Change is Needed

#### Mark 10:17-23

Now as He was going out on the road, one came running, knelt before Him, and asked Him, “Good Teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?” :18  
So Jesus said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One...

...that is, God. :19 You know the commandments: “Do not commit adultery,” “Do not murder,” “Do not steal,” “Do not bear false witness,” “Do not defraud,” “Honor your father and your mother.” :20 And he answered and said to Him, “Teacher, all these things I have kept from my youth.” :21 Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow Me.” :22 But he was sad at this word, and went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. :23 Then Jesus looked around and said to His disciples, “How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!”

## Jesus Christ Touched This Man’s Idol-god

Idolatry is usually a good thing in a bad place

### Locating an Idol – It’s always very near

**Matt. 6:19-21**

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; :20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. :21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

### It’s in the Heart of the Worshipper

**2Sam. 24:24**

I will not offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God with that which costs me nothing.”

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### 2.) Identifying your idol(s)

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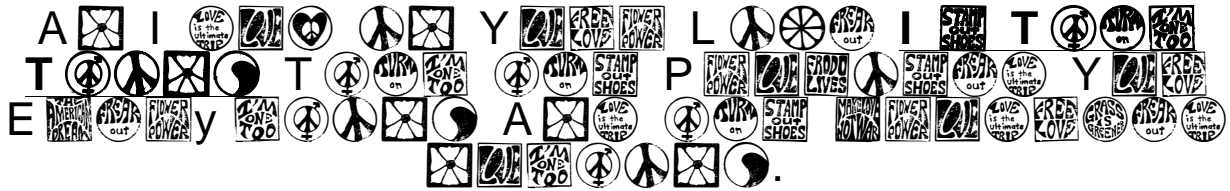
### Idols Demand Attention.

Idols don't require **faith** / they don't require **obedience** / but they take it all

### They Consumes Us

1Tim. 6:17

Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy.



### An Idol Always Under Performs

They could be your “reasons” for being a Christian.  
Jesus save me. Jesus heal me. Jesus make me rich.

Prov. 23:44-5

Do not overwork to be rich; Because of your own understanding, cease! :5 Will you set your eyes on that which is not? For riches certainly make themselves wings; They fly away like an eagle toward heaven.

## Follow The Money and You'll Find Your Heart.

John 6:26-27

Jesus answered them and said, “Most assuredly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw the signs, **but because you ate of the loaves and were filled.** :27 Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him.”

The Most Accurate Way to Identify an Idol is By Exposure to the Heat.

Idols are scary because they can be lost or stolen or taken away.

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#### 3.) Understanding why it's your idol(s)

this means you need to know "What" benefit you think it brings.

**We falsely attribute powers and values to our idols,  
But Why?**

Idol's are Lairs;

Frankly – you've been lied to. your idol has told you just one more dollar. Just one more night. Just one more deal.....

**For us to create anything – we must borrow from what was.  
God is not like that. He creates from nothing. He is not limited by  
inventory or supply – we are.**

!!! An idol can be something you're holding on to from the past !!!

Without the True God of the Bible at work in your life,  
you will create gods that are from your past to deal with your future.

Look - I created a rabbits foot, why? – because I've had bad luck.  
Look - I created a way of thinking, why? Because I've seen mistakes.  
Look - I created a fortress around me, why? Because I've been hurt.  
Look - I created a lifestyle, why? – because I have my needs

When you come to these gods that you've made, you've got to prop them up.

You've got to maintain them – it's a draining.

*(The Ark of the LORD and the god Dagon)*

**Psa. 115:2-8**

Why should the Gentiles say, "So where *is* their God?" :3 But our God *is* in heaven; He does whatever He pleases. :4 Their idols *are* silver and gold, The work of men's hands. :5 They have mouths, but they do not speak; Eyes they have, but they do not see; :6 They have ears, but they do not hear; Noses they have, but they do not smell; :7 They have hands, but they do not handle; Feet they have, but they do not walk; Nor do they mutter through their throat. :8 Those who make them are like them; **So *is* everyone who trusts in them.**

**Phil. 3:13-14**

Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, :14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

## YHWH – IS THE UNCONTROLLABLE GOD

Virtually all other contemporary cultures use cultic representations as a means of entering into contact with a deity, The Israelites were not to do so. The point of the Second Commandment is the fact that the LORD God of the Bible cannot be controlled by humans or anything a human can create.

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### 4.) Facing your idol(s)

this means that you need to [confront](#) your idol.

**2Chr. 34:1-7**

Josiah was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem. :2 And he did what was right in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the ways of his father David; he did not turn aside to the right hand or to the left....

....:3 For in the eighth year of his reign, while he was still young, he began to seek the God of his father David; and in the twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem of the high places, the wooden images, the carved images, and the molded images. :4 They broke down the altars of the Baals in his presence, and the incense altars which were above them he cut down; and the wooden images, the carved images, and the molded images he broke in pieces, and made dust of them and scattered it on the graves of those who had sacrificed to them. :5 He also burned the bones of the priests on their altars, and cleansed Judah and Jerusalem. :6 And so he did in the cities of Manasseh, Ephraim, and Simeon, as far as Naphtali and all around, with axes. :7 When he had broken down the altars and the wooden images, had beaten the carved images into powder, and cut down all the incense altars throughout all the land of Israel, he returned to Jerusalem.

What is that person, place or thing that has a grip on your life and you know it's not healthy for you or them.

## Facing the idols in Your Life.

**Remember Christian We're The Ones with Idols**

**John 8:7**

**"He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first."  
And they will destroy us**

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### 5.) Taking your idol(s) out



this means that you need to **de-throne** your idols once and for all

## Requirement 101:

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**THIS IS A VERY SERIOUS MOMENT HERE.**

Idols – When they Get Taken Out:  
Then the truth is revealed and the depth of destruction is realized.  
When idols go – you need Jesus very big and very much

- (1) **Identifying an idol requires us to search our own** souls deeply – this is painful searching. (2) **We'll have to be brutally** honest with God and ourselves. (3) **Name it** - you can't destroy it unless you give it a name and then you can tear it down its altar.

## The golden calves of Israel rebellion

Were very little. In the London museum of history there's one of those calves – he's just a little bull. But that's the danger.

It's convenient – you're familiar with it

Its portable - You can take that kind of bull anywhere.

Its easily reproduced – threes always more where that came for from

## What are some of our modern day idols?

(1) **My Thoughts** *(those things that motivate my efforts)*  
selfishness, promotion, recognition, gossip, anxiety,

(2) **My Addictions** *(those things that I am seeking after)*  
food, pleasure, leisure, anger, worldliness, complaining.

**(3) My Offerings** *(the altar of sacrifice is the joy of my life)*  
time, physical effort, technology,

**(4) My Passions** *(the emotional driven areas)*  
sex, riches, power, control, manipulation,

## So how do we tear down the idols in our lives ?

### **Matt. 18:7-9**

Woe to the world because of offenses! For offenses must come, but woe to that man by whom the offense comes! **:8** “If **your hand** or foot causes you to sin, cut it off and cast *it* from you. It is better for you to enter into life lame or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet, to be cast into the everlasting fire. **:9** And if **your eye** causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast *it* from you. It is better for you to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire.

**If your hand is getting into trouble – take your hand and get out of there.**

**If your eye is getting into trouble – take your eye and get out of there.**

### **Gal. 5:17-24**

For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. **:18** But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. **:19** Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, **:20** idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, **:21** envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told *you* in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. **:22** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, **:23** gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. **:24** And those *who are* Christ’s have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

***The Answer is – Worship the One True God Rightly.***

*With reverence. With fear, with awe, with holiness of life, with reality.*

## **You Kill Idols by Repenting of Them**

and Filling Your Life With the real God.

## *You Don't Have an Idol Problem – You Have a Worship Problem.*

### **Rom. 12:2**

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

### **Rom. 8:38-39**

For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, :39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## **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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