

Filling in the Gaps – Lesson 11B The Ten Commandments The First Commandment

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Exodus 20:3 *Thou shalt have no other gods before me*. Is the first and greatest commandment in the Law. The first four commandments deal with our relationship to God. This commandment gives the understanding that there are other gods in the world. The remaining commandments are to hang upon this first commandment (If you keep this commandment, you will have no trouble keeping the rest)

- 1. There is no toleration in this command "no other"
- 2. "before me" states that God does not want anyone or anything above Him.

Here is a list of some gods that were worshiped during the time that the Law was given, as you can see, society worships the same gods today they just call them different names.

The Gods of the Heathen :

- 1. Moloch the god of the Ammonites to descend to cruelty (Those who do not care about how other people live or die, as long as they get their own end)
- 2. Baal "possessor" to descend to being an animal or a beast (Those who live their life in sexual promiscuity fulfilling their lusts in whatever way they please)
- 3. Mammon to worship carnality (Those who think that life consists of the abundance of things they possess)
- I. <u>The Object of Worship</u>
- A. The strongest argument for obedience is the experience of past deliverance
- B. Notice how the LORD refers to Himself "I am the LORD thy God"
 - 1. LORD Jehovah
 - a. HE that was
 - b. HE that is
 - c. HE that will be
 - 2. thy God
 - a. The Supreme Object of Worship
 - b. The Absolutely Omnipotent God



There is only one God (capital G) that fulfills this description, any other gods are limited, 1 Corinthians 8:4-5 *As concerning therefore the eating of those things that are offered in sacrifice unto idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is none other God but one. 5 For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many,)*. The "other gods" are by nature no gods Galatians 4:8 *Howbeit then, when ye knew not God, ye did service unto them which by nature are no gods*. They are only gods by name, in the opinion of men, and in appearance. There is none other God but one. In this command, God is saying, "I want to be your God"

- II. <u>The Necessity of Worship</u>
 - a. Every man must have a god.
 - b. The very composition of human life demands a center of worship as a necessity of existence.
 - c. Our God (or god) is the person or thing we think most precious, for whom we would make the greatest sacrifice, who moves our hearts with the warmest love.
 - d. This is why at the very center of our heart there must be enthroned a living person who can guide and direct us by His command, driving us to expect complete obedience to "the LORD thy God." Exodus 34:14 *For thou shalt worship no other god: for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God:*
 - e. The greatest challenge in our life is to keep God on the throne of our lives.
- III. The Cost of Worship
 - a. Worship costs everything
 - b. Worship demands all a person has
 - c. Worship permits of no substitute
 - d. Anything or anyone placed ahead of God leads one to destruction
 - e. True worship is manifested through all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind (Matthew 22:37-4) – The question is "Where is your heart?"

How do I make GOD thy GOD? Choose Him (Joshua 24:15) Acknowledge Him(Proverbs 3:6) Trust in Him (Proverbs 3:5) Serve Him (Deuteronomy 10:12) Fear Him (Ecclesiastes 12:13) Obey Him (Acts 5:29)



notes The Ten Commandments Lesson 11B Where is your heart?

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Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

- 1. This is the first and great commandment in the law?_____True/false.
- 2. The first four commandments deal with our relationship to
- 3. This commandment gives the understanding that there are other gods in the world?_____True/False
- 4. The remaining commandments are to hang upon this first command (If you keep this commandment, there will be no trouble keeping the rest)?_____True/False.
- 5. There is no ______ in this command "no other."
- 6. "before me" states that God does not want anyone or anything Him.
- 7. What other religions or lifestyles are the same as the heathen gods?
- 8. Define the following.
 - a. Moloch
 - b. Baal
 - c. Mammon
- 9. The _____ of Worship.
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12.	There cannot be two that fulfill this descriptionTrue/false.			
13.	Any other god must be			
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	2 Him(Proverbs 3:6)
	3 in Him (Proverbs 3:5) 4. Him (Deuteronomy 10:12)
	4 Him (Deuteronomy 10:12) 5 Him (Ecclesiastes 12:13)

6. _____ Him (Acts 5:29)



Scripture Memorization (write on the back page, Must be in KJV) Exodus 20:3; Exodus 20:4; Exodus 20:5; Exodus 20:7

True/False

- GOD wants 100% of us?
- Devoting too much attention to sports can be your god?
- GOD should be sitting on the throne of your heart?

Any questions?

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