

## SECOND COMMANDMENT – Part 2

5/28/25

- Tonight – Opportunity to give a Bible study
  - Title – “Second Commandment – Part 2”
  - Comment – I previously gave a series about 10 Commandments – (2003, 2011 & 2022)
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- Foundational scripture

Exod. 20:2                    “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage”

- Second Commandment

Exod. 20:4                    You shall not make for yourself a carved image (any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth).

5-6                    You shall not bow down to them, not serve them – for I am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing mercy to thousands to those who love Me and keep My commandments.”

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- Last time – we talked about.....
    - God is a “jealous” God
      - It is the worship of idols that provokes God to jealousy (His Jealousy = His expected response – His righteous reaction)
    - Concept – No idols made with hands
  - This time – we will talk about.....
    - Having no idols in your heart and mind
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- Reminder – external idols

Lev. 26:1                    you shall not make idols for yourselves – neither a carved image or a sacred pillar – neither an engraved stone in your land – not to bow down to it – for I am the Lord

Psalms 115:2                why should the Gentiles say: “So where is their God?”

3                    our God is in heaven – He does whatever He pleases

4-7                    their idols are silver & gold – their idols are the work of men’s hands

- Consider – Internal idols

Having no idols in your heart & mind

Ezek. 14:1           some of the elders of Israel – sat before Ezekiel  
3                   these men have set up idols in their hearts – and put forward them that  
                          causes them to stumble into iniquity  
4                   the Lord God said: “everyone of the house of Israel who sets up his idols  
                          in his heart, and puts before him what causes him to stumble into  
                          iniquity, and then comes to the prophet – I, the Lord, will answer  
                          him according to the multitude of his idols  
5                   that I may seize the house of Israel by their heart – because they are all  
                          estranged from Me by their idols”  
6                   the Lord God said: “repent, turn away from your idols, and turn your faces  
                          away from all your abominations”  
7                   “whoever separates himself from Me and sets up idols in his heart . . . I  
                          will answer Him by Myself”  
8                   “I will make My face against that man and make him a sign and a proverb,  
                          and I will cut him off from the midst of My people – then you shall  
                          know that I am the Lord”

· Internal idols – Coveting position and power

Isaiah 14:12-14       Lucifer’s idolatry  
                          I will ascend into heaven  
                          I will exalt my throne above the stars of God  
                          I will sit on the mount of the congregation  
                          I will ascend above the heights of the clouds  
                          I will be like the Most High  
Matt. 23:2-4       Moses’ seat – giving instructions – not following their own instructions  
                  5-6       wanting to be seen – wanting the best seats  
                  7-10      wanting titles  
                  11-12     exalting themselves  
                  13       seeking to be doorkeepers to the Kingdom

· Serve the Living God

2 Cor. 6:16       what agreement has the temple of God with idols? – for you are the temple  
                          of the living God  
1 Thes. 1:9       turn to God from idols – to serve the living and true God  
Matt. 20:25       lord it over them – exercise authority over them  
                  26-28     be a servant  
1 Cor. 15:24      rule, authority & power