

NO OTHER GODS



Exodus 20:1-6, ESV – And God spoke all these words, saying, ²“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. ³“You shall have no other gods before me. ⁴“You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or 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. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

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SERMON-BASED STUDY

For the week of November 1, 2020

Exodus 20:1-6

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

ENGAGE WITH THE MESSAGE

1 Why was it important for God to establish who He was with the Israelites before giving the ten commandments?

2 Similar to the Israelites, how has God brought believers out of slavery?

3 How does idol worship take a person's focus off of God? Why do you think the impact of idol worship affects so many generations?

DIGGING DEEPER

A **Exodus 3:12-15, ESV** – ¹³ Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" ¹⁴ God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'I AM has sent me to you.'" ¹⁵ God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.

Revelation 1:8, ESV – ⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

4 Looking at the passages above, what is significant about God's name being "I AM" and being "the Alpha and Omega"?

5 How should believers live in light of these truths?

B **Deuteronomy 7:6-10, ESV** – ⁶ “For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. ⁷ It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸ but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹ Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations, ¹⁰ and repays to their face those who hate him, by destroying them. He will not be slack with one who hates him. He will repay him to his face.

6 In the passage above, we see that God keeps His covenants. Why does this make Him worthy of worship and praise?

7 What covenants has God made with believers now, in the church age? What should be our response to Him?

C **Colossians 3:5, ESV** – ⁵ Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

Psalms 135:15-18, ESV – ¹⁵ The idols of the nations are silver and gold, the work of human hands. ¹⁶ They have mouths, but do not speak; they have eyes, but do not see; ¹⁷ they have ears, but do not hear, nor is there any breath in their mouths. ¹⁸ Those who make them become like them, so do all who trust in them.

8 How does Paul define idolatry at the end of Colossians 3:5? How does the Psalmist define idolatry in Psalm 135:15-18?

9 Why would God be jealous if we have idols in our lives?

TAKING IT HOME

The first two commandments found in Exodus 20 deal with our relationship to God. Specifically, God is laying out a foundation for why He is the only true God that is worthy of all worship and obedience. How do you respond to these truths? Is this something you live out on a daily basis? What idols do you currently have in your life or what potential idols exist? Share with your group or accountability partner what God has been showing you. Pray for one another as you seek to honor the Great I AM with your life.

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUEST

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FOR FURTHER STUDY

Deuteronomy 27:15
2 Kings 17:35
Psalm 97:7