

Principles for Holy Living #2 – Worship God Only

A Study on the Ten Commandments

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Exodus 20:4-6

"You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. [5] You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, [6] but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

Exodus 20:22-26

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Tell the Israelites this: 'You have seen for yourselves that I have spoken to you from heaven:

[23] Do not make any gods to be alongside me; do not make for yourselves gods of silver or gods of gold.

[24] " 'Make an altar of earth for me and sacrifice on it your burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, your sheep and goats and your cattle. Wherever I cause my name to be honored, I will come to you and bless you. [25] If you make an altar of stones for me, do not build it with dressed stones, for you will defile it if you use a tool on it. [26] And do not go up to my altar on steps, lest your nakedness be exposed on it.'

Romans 1:21-25

For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. [22] Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools [23] and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles.

[24] Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. [25] They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator-- who is forever praised. Amen.

I. WHO We Worship

II. HOW We Worship

A. We Acknowledge His PRESENCE:

We don't need an IMAGE to remind us He is NEAR

B. We Acknowledge His PRIORITY:

We don't BOW to anyone or anything but HIM

C. We Acknowledge His PASSION:

We don't create a GOD in our own IMAGE

D. We Acknowledge His PUNISHMENT:

We don't pretend our WORSHIP doesn't MATTER

III. WHY We Worship