

**Series:** The Lovable Law

**Message:** Falling In Love With Mannequins

**Scripture:** Exodus 20:1-3

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*<sup>2</sup> "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.*

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1. What Does The First Commandment Mean?

2. Why Did God Give Us The First Commandment?

1) Other Gods Do Not Deserve Our Love.

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(1) Because Only God Is Jehovah.

(2) Because Only God Has Redeemed Us.

**Exodus 20:2**

*<sup>2</sup> "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery."*

2) Other Gods Do Not Fulfill Our Needs.

**Psalms 115:3-8**

<sup>3</sup> *But our God is in the heavens; He does whatever He pleases.*

<sup>4</sup> *Their idols are silver and gold,†The work of man's hands.*

<sup>5</sup> *They have mouths, but they cannot speak; they have eyes, but they cannot see;*

<sup>6</sup> *They have ears, but they cannot hear; they have noses, but they cannot smell;*

<sup>7</sup> *They have hands, but they cannot feel; they have feet, but they cannot walk; They cannot make a sound with their throat.*

<sup>8</sup> *Those who make them will become like them, everyone who trusts in them.*

**Four Modern, American Gods (Idols)**

1. Pleasure
2. Prestige
3. Possessions
4. People

Exodus 20:1-17

**1 Then 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 an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth.

5 " You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me,

6 " but showing lovingkindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

7 " You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain.

8 "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

9 " Six days you shall labor and do all your work,

10 " but the seventh day is a Sabbath of the Lord your God; in it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter, your male or your female servant or your cattle or your sojourner who stays with you.

11 " For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

12 " Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be prolonged in the land which the Lord your God gives you.

13 " You shall not murder.

14 " You shall not commit adultery.

15 " You shall not steal.

16 " You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

17 " You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife or his male servant or his female servant or his ox or his donkey or anything that belongs to your neighbor."