

Series: 10 Commandments: The Heart of God for the Heart of Man

Sermon: You Shall Have No Other gods Before Me

Scripture: Exodus 20:1-3

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Exodus 20:1-3 (ESV)

¹ *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."*

Deuteronomy 6:5 (ESV)

⁵ *You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.*

I. The gods who steal and kill (3)

"[I]n the day-to-day trenches of adult life, there is actually no such thing as atheism. There is no such thing as not worshipping. Everybody worships. The only choice we get is what to worship...[And if you worship the wrong thing, that thing] will eat you alive." – *David Foster Wallace, "This is Water," Kenyon College, May 21, 2005.*

"If you worship money and things, if they are where you tap real meaning in life, then you will never have enough, never feel you have enough. It's the truth. Worship your body and beauty and sexual allure and you will always feel ugly. And when time and age start showing, you will die a million deaths before they finally grieve you...Worship power, you will end up feeling weak and afraid, and you will need ever more power over others to numb you to your own fear. Worship your intellect, being seen as smart, you will end up feeling stupid, a fraud, always on the verge of being found out. But the insidious thing about these forms of worship is not that they're evil or sinful; it's that they're unconscious. They are default settings. They're the kind of worship you just gradually slip into, day after day, getting more and more selective about what you see and how you measure value without ever being fully aware that that's what you're doing." – *David Foster Wallace, "This is Water," Kenyon College, May 21, 2005.*

II. The God who gives and saves (2)

Exodus 5:2 (ESV)

² But Pharaoh said, “Who is the LORD, that I should obey his voice and let Israel go? I do not know the LORD, and moreover, I will not let Israel go.”

Exodus 20:2 (ESV)

² I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

1 John 4:10 (ESV)

¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Romans 8:32 (ESV)

³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

Galatians 4:4-6 (ESV)

⁴ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!”