

Reject Objects of Worship

Exodus 20:4-6

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God desires us to worship Him in _____ and truth. It is a natural thing to commemorate _____ events and people with some kind of representation, but God specifically told the Israelites _____ to use an object to represent Him. The prohibition is against making _____ for worship, but not for other purposes.

A. The Tendency to _____ God

1. The molten _____ (Exodus 32:1-6)
2. _____ (Judges 17:1-13)
3. The _____ serpent (2 Kings 18:1-4)

B. The Nature of Idolatry

1. Debasing to _____
 - a. It _____ from His omnipotence and glory. (Isaiah 44:9-19)
 - b. It _____ His greatness and uniqueness to an object.
2. Debasing to man who is created in the _____ of God.
 - a. Spiritually
 - b. _____
 - c. Rationally

C. All Likenesses and Symbols of God's Person are _____.

1. They do not constitute _____ aids to worship.
 - a. Develops _____, not true worship
 - b. The Holy Spirit is the _____ aid we need to worship. (1 Cor. 12:3)

2. They _____ God and His Son.

- a. Encourage _____ concepts
 - (1). Dying Christ worshipped by a _____
 - (2). _____ of Christ misrepresented (Isaiah 53:1-2)
 - (3). A true picture of Jesus (Revelation 1:3-16)
- b. Encourage _____ authority
 - (1). _____ of ministry (a.e. black robes, etc.)
 - (2). Invests ministry with an _____ sanctity

D. The Second Commandment Protects the _____ of God's Attributes: Omnipotence, Omniscience, Omnipresence

1. God met with man in the _____.
 - a. _____ of Holies
 - b. No _____ representation of God (Exodus 25:22)
2. God met with man in the _____. (2 Chronicles 7:1-3)
 - a. His power and presence were not _____ to that place.
 - b. His presence _____ during the Babylonian captivity. (Ezekiel 9:3; 10:18; 11:23)
3. God is Spirit and _____. (John 4:19-26)
4. Conclusions of this truth
 - a. God does not _____ in buildings.
 - b. God is not _____ to geography.
 - c. A great _____ is attached to keeping the first two commandments. (Exodus 20:5-6)
 - (1). God directs His _____ against those who hate Him.
 - (2). God directs His _____ to those who love Him and keep His commandments.