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"The First Table of the Law"

Scripture: Exodus 20:1-11

Memory Work:

1. You shall have no other gods before me.
2. You shall not make for yourself any carved image.
3. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.

Introduction

- A. Big Idea: We are commanded to worship the one true God rightly, reverently, and regularly.
- B. The First Table of the Law—our duty to God
- C. The Second Table of the Law—our duty to man
- D. 20:1-2. What God commanded was based on who he was and what he had done.

I. We Are Commanded to Worship the One True God (20:3)

- A. Ezekiel 20:7-8
- B. Good things that become God things are sinful things.
- C. We are to choose, worship, and serve the LORD as our God, and him only.
- D. John 1:18
- E. John 14:6

II. We Are Commanded to Worship the One True God Rightly (20:4-6)

- A. God's majesty and glory cannot be captured through human or divine creation. (Deuteronomy 4:15-19)
- B. This commandment doesn't forbid art, sculptures, or paintings. It does forbid the use of artistic representations of God in worship.
- C. God cares how he is worshiped. (Matthew 15:8-9)
- D. What are some motivations for us not to worship any carved images?
 1. God is a jealous God.
 2. God is a judging God. (Ezekiel 18:20)
 3. God is a loving God.
- E. John 4:24

III. We Are Commanded to Worship the One True God Reverently (20:7)

- A. Psalm 20:1
- B. How do we misuse God's name?
- C. How do we use God's name reverently?
 1. Worship—remember whose presence we're in. Set our mind's attention and heart's affection on God.
 2. Speech—speak carefully and accurately of God's name.
 3. Deeds—live to glorify God in all that we do.

Conclusion

- A. Do you see God's will for you in these three commandments?
- B. How can we keep these commandments? We cannot. YOU CANNOT.
- C. Until you feel the weightiness of your own sin, the hopelessness of your condition before God, you will never truly look to Christ.
- D. 1 Peter 3:18
- E. 2 Corinthians 5:21
- F. Whatever God requires in the Law he provides in the gospel.
- G. The Gospel Definition