

Bible Class Notes - Lesson 170 10 Commandments

Anything we prefer before God is an idol.

This week we consider the 1st and 2nd of God's 10 Commandments.

Thou shalt have no other gods before Me.

Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image....

Thou shalt not bow down to them

nor worship them. Exodus 20v3-5.

Bible Readings for this week

(Choose a regular time each day to read the bible and pray whether it be when you first wake up or just before you go to sleep)

Day	Bible Reading	Tick When Read
Sunday	Exodus Ch32v1-14 (The Israelites worship an idol)	
Monday	Exodus Ch32v15-24 (Moses discovers their sin)	
Tuesday	Exodus Ch32v25-35 (The Lord will judge them)	
Wednesday	Acts 17v16-31 (Paul preached against idols)	
Thursday	Psalm 115 (Have respect for God's Law)	
Friday	Mark 5v28-34 (Jesus' summary of God's Law)	
Saturday	Matthew 22v35-46 (Another summary of the Law)	

Important thought for all of us: The Lord's summary of the 10 commandments is the foundation of how we are to approach God. That is, 1. To love God with all our heart and soul, and 2. To love our neighbour as we love ourselves. If we can keep these two principles, then our obedience to all the other commandments will follow. We must try our utmost to keep all of God's holy commandments but, if we are honest, we must admit that we do not and cannot. God demands 100% obedience but has looked upon us with grace and mercy. He has sent His Beloved Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, as Perfect Man, to take the guilt of our sin upon Himself by dying on the cross to save us.

Seek Him now, pray for God's gift of faith to believe with a repentant heart.

Hymn 521 speaks of leaving aside our idols so as to worship the one, true, God.

1. O for a closer walk with God,
A calm and heavenly frame,
A light to shine upon the road
That leads me to the Lamb!
5. The dearest idol I have known,
Whate'er that idol be,
Help me to tear it from Thy throne,
And worship only Thee.

The 10 Commandments – *God's Moral Law, His Rules for all time.*

- God starts with Himself in the first Three Commandments.
Omnipotent - All Powerful, **Omnipresent** - Everywhere, **Omniscient** - All Knowing, Holy, Eternal, Creator, Merciful – **The only All Important One.**
- There is **NONE to compare with the One True God, The God of The Bible.**
No other 'gods' before Him. No other 'god' at all in His presence or sight.
No idols or 'gods' of our own invention - physical or imaginary.
Allow nothing in our thinking to be more important than God.
Not to take the Lord God's Name in vain; not to use it lightly, no swearing.
- **The sin of the people** – They wanted a 'god' they could see, but who could not see them.
A dead 'god'; an idol, made with their own hands.
They wanted to set their own standards; very low standards so they could sin.
While Moses was receiving the 10 Commandments from God on mount Sinai the people persuaded Aaron to make an idol, a Golden Calf, for them to worship. We see from their sinful behaviour that the idol represented no standards of holiness.
We must ask ourselves, 'Can we be good without knowing God?'
- **'What value are any of the following': -**
 - **A 'handmade god'?**
A pathetic man-made statue, dead, without the power to save or help.
A sports person, a film star, a TV personality or entertainer.
Even ourselves, our mobiles, social media.
Wearing a crucifix or having a picture of Jesus Christ on the wall.
 - **A 'made-to-please god'?**
A 'god' who will overlook our sins – 'we can do as we please'.
 - **A 'pick-and-mix god'?** Selecting the bits we like from many religions.
 - **Playing God ourselves?**
'I can decide what is right or wrong'; Make own rules; No absolute truth.
 - **The 'god' of money, and possessions?**
'I can buy things to bring me lasting happiness, joy and peace of soul'.
 - **The 'god' of fun and selfish pleasure?**
Selfishly enjoying ourselves today; ignoring God and eternity.

Paul preached the Lord Jesus Christ as being the only true God and Saviour to the superstitious people of Athens because they worshipped a multitude of idols, even making one to 'The Unknown God', in case they had missed one out. See Acts 17v22-31.

Ask yourself, 'Who is my God?'

What gives me most pleasure?

Who, or what, comes 1st in my life?

Who, or what, do I depend on and trust?

Turn your back on all false 'gods' - Come to the ONLY true God, today.