



NO OTHER GODS

◆ Exodus 20:3-6 ◆

SHALL NOT AND SHALL

- Negative and positive instruction are often used together to emphasize a point (Ex. 20:7-10).
- Paul sums up the second half of these commandments with an affirmative command (Rom. 13:8-10).
- Jesus, likewise, addressed negative commands individually (Matt. 5:21-48).
- We come then to the first of these commandments (Ex. 20:3; Deut. 6:5).

EVERYDAY IDOLS

- No other gods “before my face” (Ex. 20:3; Gen. 3:8).
- It was the first sin of Israel (Ex. 32:1).
- But it has always been a heart problem (Ezek. 14:3).
- Covetousness and idolatry have a very interesting relationship (Col. 3:5; Gen. 3:6; Psa. 19:10; Ex. 20:17).
- It is not merely vulgar desires that can become idols (Lk. 14:26; Deut. 13:6-9; 1 Cor. 7:29-31).

IMAGE AND LIKENESS

- The first command restricts who we can worship, the second command restricts how we can worship (Ex. 32:1-6).
- The words “image” and “likeness” are important here (Ex. 20:4; Gen. 1:26).
- This is language Paul uses (Rom. 1:22; 8:29).
- Jesus is the perfect fulfillment of this command (Col. 1:15; 2 Cor. 4:4).