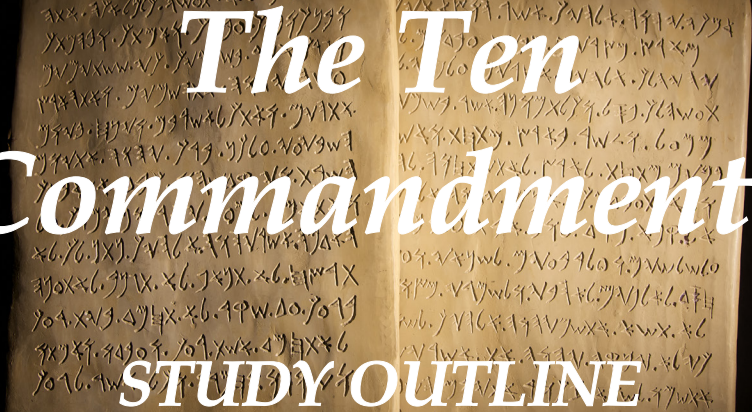


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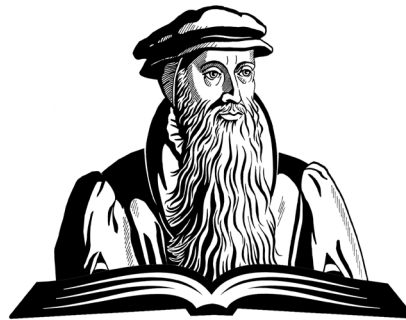
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THE SECOND COMMANDMENT

Lecture Title:

Worship Me Honorably

Key Text:

“Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.”
—Exodus 20, verses 4 to 6

Summary:

In this lecture, we learn about one of the two longer commandments. That indicates something of the importance of these two, and the impact that honoring or dishonoring God has upon us and our children. We also answer these four questions: What is God’s intent? What does he forbid? What does he command? How does he enforce both aspects of the Second Commandment?

Structure:

1. Introduction – the second general principle.
2. What’s God’s intent?
 - a. his sovereign will.
 - b. his care about us and our children, and the generations to come.
3. What does he forbid?
 - a. Any images or pictures God.
 - b. Any mental images of God that misrepresent him
4. What does he command?
5. How does God enforce both aspects of the Second Commandment?
 - a. “*A jealous God.*”
 - b. He states and warns us what will happen when we misrepresent him.
 - c. He concludes with “*mercy.*”
6. Conclusion.

Review Questions:

1. What is the second general principle?

2. Does the division of the law on two tables imply that one table is greater than the other? What is the reason for there to be two tables?

3. What is God's intention in giving the Second Commandment?

4. What does God forbid us in the Second Commandment?

5. Why does God forbid us to make any representation or image of him? How do the gospels support this commandment?

6. What is it to honorably reflect God's image?

7. How should our church services be reflective of the Second Commandment?

8. What does it mean that God is “a jealous God”?

9. What will happen when we misrepresent God? How do the gospels speak about this?

10. How does the Second Commandment conclude with an encouragement? Who will God bless in mercy?

Further Application:

1. Meditate upon the Second Commandment with the reading of the Heidelberg Catechism and the Westminster Shorter Catechism.

2. Examine your own thinking about God according to the Second Commandment. Do you worship him correctly and honorably? Do you have any mental images of God that may misrepresent him?
