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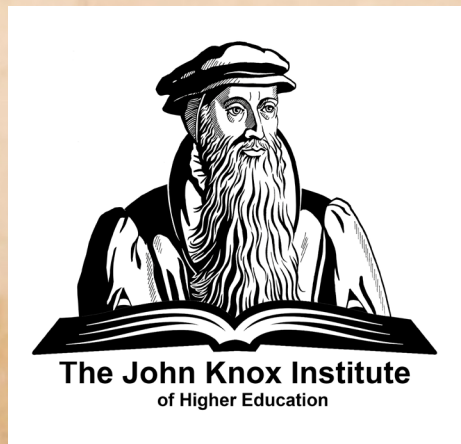
**Adult Study Guide**

for Lecture #32

**The Ten Commandments:**

**Love for God**

*Catechism Questions 45, 46, 47, & 48*



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# ADULT STUDY GUIDE

### for Lecture #32

## The Ten Commandments:

## Love for God

### Memorization

**Question 45:** *Which is the first commandment?*

**Answer:** *The first commandment is, “Thou shalt have no other gods before me.”*

**Question 46:** *What is required in the first commandment?*

**Answer:** *The first commandment requireth us to know and acknowledge God to be the only true God, and our God; and to worship and glorify him accordingly.*

**Question 47:** *What is forbidden in the first commandment?*

**Answer:** *The first commandment forbiddeth the denying, or not worshipping and glorifying the true God as God, and our God; and the giving of that worship and glory to any other; which is due to him alone.*

**Question 48:** *What are we specially taught by these words “before me” in the first commandment?*

**Answer:** *These words “before me” in the first commandment teach us, That God, who seeth all things, taketh notice of, and is much displeased with, the sin of having any other god.*

### Lecture Structure

1. Introduction: who to worship.
2. Love to God—what that does.
3. Love to God—what that avoids.
4. Love to God—what that remembers.
5. Conclusion.

*Literal Study*

1. What do the words “before me” mean as they are used in this lecture?

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2. Summarize the main teachings from the answers to Questions 45 through 48.

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*Lecture Checkup*

1. What does it mean in the *Catechism*, “to know God”?

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2. What does it mean, in the *Catechism*, “to acknowledge God”?

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3. What does it mean to “learn about God” Why is that a mark of loving God?

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4. What is the “personal aspect” of the requirement of the first commandment?

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5. What are some religions, philosophies, or personal beliefs that break this first commandment?

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6. Why is it a great sin to not worship or glorify God as the true God?

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7. What are the main faults of Roman Catholicism? How do they break this first commandment?

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8. If a really good thing happens to us, and we say, "That was lucky," is that breaking the first commandment? Please explain your answer.

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9. Please explain the Answer to Question 48 in your own words, in detail.

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10. In this lecture, Rev. Mattull showed us the ways that "God sees all." What encouragement do we have in this, and what warnings are there for us in the truth?

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**Further Studies**

How ought we to worship and glorify God?

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2. Where do we see profaneness in God's worship and honor?

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3. Why does God take such notice of, and is so displeased with, the sin of having any other god?

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**Practical Application**

1. What is that one thing we must do if we are going to obey this commandment? Explain why this is the case.

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2. How does this commandment direct us to the gospel of Jesus Christ? Why is it vital for you and me to know and acknowledge God as *our God*?

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**Project Ideas**

Make a list of the other main religions throughout the world, with their main doctrinal beliefs. Show the differences between their doctrines and the doctrines of the true Christian religion.