**SERMON OUTLINE**

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1. INTRODUCTION
   1. The Ten Commandments are not arbitrary; they are universal.
   2. The Ten Commandments are not temporary; they are eternal.
      1. We do not need a new morality for a new age.
      2. It is settled by God’s Word.
   3. In the truest sense, we do not break the Ten Commandments.
      1. The Ten Commandments always stand.
      2. When we transgress God’s commandments, we do not break them; but, rather, we are broken on them.
   4. When we stand upon the Ten Commandments and build upon them, they become strength to us.
      1. When God says, “Thou shalt,” He is saying, “Help yourself to happiness.”
      2. When God says, “Thou shalt not,” He is saying, “Don’t hurt yourself.”
   5. The first commandment tells us to worship no other gods but the one true God, Jehovah God.
      1. Exodus 20:3
      2. This first commandment forbids false gods.
   6. The second commandment tells us how to worship.
      1. Exodus 20:4-6
      2. This second commandment forbids false worship.
   7. God alone is worthy of our worship.
   8. The greatest gift we can give to our children is to teach them to worship.
      1. Worship that does not begin at home does not begin.
   9. Exodus 20:4-6 is set in the negative.
      1. For there to be a negative, there has to be a positive.
      2. When the Bible forbids false worship, it is an injunction for true worship.
   10. The second commandment, that we are studying today, helps us learn how to worship God properly and the importance of family worship.
2. THERE MUST BE A PROPER CONCEPTION OF GOD (Psalm 115:4-8)
   1. If we conceive of God wrongly, then we will behave wrongly.
   2. Psalm 115:4-8
      1. We become like what we worship.
         1. First the family molds the idol, and then the idol molds the family.
         2. It is very important that we have a proper conception of God.
   3. We must understand who God is and what God is like.
   4. God has absolutely forbidden the making of anything material as an object of worship.
      1. God is not material.
      2. God is spiritual.
   5. John 4:24
      1. God is not a spirit.
      2. God is spirit; that is His essence.
      3. To worship God, we must do so in spirit and in truth.
      4. No material thing can represent spirit.
         1. We are forbidden to try to make anything material and say that this is what God is like.
   6. Isaiah 40:25
      1. There is nothing else to compare God to.
      2. There is only one God.
   7. We all have the desire to worship something.
      1. Nature abhors a vacuum.
      2. Humankind is incurably religious, and if we do not worship the true God in the right way, we will worship something else.
   8. An idol is anything we love more, serve more and fear more than God.
      1. An idol is a magnified sinner.
         1. Man takes his worst vices and makes gods out of them.
         2. Man then worships these vices and, in so doing, legitimizes the vice.
      2. Exodus 20:5
         1. The jealousy mentioned in this passage is a holy, righteous jealousy.
         2. The wrong kind of jealousy is a terrible thing.
            1. But there is a holy and righteous jealousy.
         3. God has every right to be jealous of who He is because there is only one God.
   9. Many of us do not make graven images or fashion idols out of wood, but we commit idolatry just the same.
      1. The Bible speaks of the idolatry of the heart.
      2. Colossians 3:5
      3. Ezekiel 14:3
      4. There are many different types of false idols.
         1. Ourselves
            1. This is the greatest idolatry in the world today.

“Me-ology” has replaced theology.

* + - * 1. We can become our own idol.
        2. 2 Timothy 3:2
      1. Money
         1. Matthew 6:24
      2. Family
         1. When God has first place in our lives, only then are we able to love our families with a deeper love, more pure love.
         2. Matthew 10:37
      3. Popularity
         1. John 12:42
         2. The opinions of other people can mean more to us than our love for God.
      4. Pleasure and sex.
         1. 2 Timothy 3:4
      5. Sports
         1. Sunday has become a day for sports entertainment.
         2. Exodus 20:8
  1. Today, we have too many idols and not enough heroes.

1. THERE MUST BE PROPER COMMUNICATION OF GOD (Exodus 20:5)
   1. How are we teaching our children to worship God?
      1. Wrong worship is one of the worst things we could do.
   2. Exodus 20:5 serves as a warning against wrong worship.
      1. False worship corrupts the mind.
      2. The sins of the fathers are visited upon the children to the third and fourth generations.
         1. This does not say the guilt of the fathers, but the result of the father’s guilt is visited upon the children.
   3. An example of Exodus 20:5 and how the way we worship has a lasting impact on our children and descendants can be found in the Old Testament life of Uzziah.
      1. 2 Chronicles 26:16
         1. King Uzziah was basically a good man, but he decided that he would worship God in a manner that was forbidden.
         2. King Uzziah worshipped the true God in the wrong way.
            1. This gave a wrong conception and wrong picture of God.
      2. 2 Chronicles 26:21
         1. King Uzziah’s son was Jotham.
         2. Jotham decided he would not go into the temple anymore.
      3. 2 Chronicles 27:1-2
         1. In essence, the father stopped going to church, and the son saw no need to go to church.
      4. 2 Chronicles 27:9
         1. Ahaz was Jotham’s son and the grandson of Uzziah.
      5. 2 Chronicles 28:2
         1. Ahaz worshipped false gods.
      6. 2 Chronicles 28:24
         1. Ahaz took the holy vessels from the temple and destroyed them and shut the doors of the house of God.
      7. 2 Chronicles 28:3
         1. Ahaz also sacrificed his children to the false god Molech.
      8. Uzziah worshipped God the wrong way.
         1. Jotham, his son, loved God but saw no need of the church.
         2. Ahaz, his grandson, a pagan who nailed up the doors to the house of God.
         3. His great-grandchildren were sacrificed to a pagan god.
   4. We have a philosophy that it doesn’t matter what we do as long as no one is hurt.
      1. But no one has ever sinned without someone else getting hurt.
      2. There is no such thing as a solo sin.
      3. Sin never hurts just one person.
      4. The most hideous result of sin is its effect on the sinner’s children.
2. CONCLUSION
   1. The law of sowing and reaping reaps for good, as well.
      1. When we worship the one true God the right way, our families can reap the blessings of our choice.
   2. Psalm 112:2
   3. 2 Timothy 1:5-6
   4. True worship is commanded.
      1. God deserves it.
         1. The word “worship” comes from worth-ship.
      2. God desires it.
      3. God demands it.
         1. Luke 4:8
   5. The best thing we can do for our loved ones is to teach them to worship the one true God in the right way.
      1. In order to teach them, we ourselves must worship the one true God in the right way.
   6. Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
   7. Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
      1. Romans 3:23
      2. Romans 10:9-10
      3. Romans 10:13
      4. Acts 16:31
      5. John 3:16