

## SERMON OUTLINE

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1) INTRODUCTION

- a) The Ten Commandments are not arbitrary; they are universal.
- b) The Ten Commandments are not temporary; they are eternal.
  - i) We do not need a new morality for a new age.
  - ii) It is settled by God's Word.
- c) In the truest sense, we do not break the Ten Commandments.
  - i) The Ten Commandments always stand.
  - ii) When we transgress God's commandments, we do not break them; but, rather, we are broken on them.
- d) When we stand upon the Ten Commandments and build upon them, they become strength to us.
  - i) When God says, "Thou shalt," He is saying, "Help yourself to happiness."
  - ii) When God says, "Thou shalt not," He is saying, "Don't hurt yourself."
- e) The first commandment tells us to worship no other gods but the one true God, Jehovah God.
  - i) Exodus 20:3
  - ii) This first commandment forbids false gods.
- f) The second commandment tells us how to worship.
  - i) Exodus 20:4-6
  - ii) This second commandment forbids false worship.
- g) God alone is worthy of our worship.
- h) The greatest gift we can give to our children is to teach them to worship.
- i) Worship that does not begin at home does not begin.
- j) 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)

- a) If we conceive of God wrongly, then we will behave wrongly.
- b) We become like what we worship.
  - i) First the family molds the idol, and then the idol molds the family.
  - ii) It is very important that we have a proper conception of God.
- c) We must understand who God is and what God is like.
- d) God has absolutely forbidden the making of anything material as an object of worship.
  - i) God is not material.
  - ii) God is spiritual.
- e) John 4:24
  - i) God is not **a** spirit.
  - ii) God is spirit; that is His essence.
  - iii) To worship God, we must do so in spirit and in truth.
  - iv) 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.
- f) Isaiah 40:25

- i) There is nothing else to compare God to.
    - ii) There is only one God.
  - g) We all have the desire to worship something.
    - i) Nature abhors a vacuum.
    - ii) Humankind is incurably religious, and if we do not worship the true God in the right way, we will worship something else.
  - h) An idol is anything we love more, serve more and fear more than God.
    - i) 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.
    - ii) Exodus 20:5
      - (1) The jealousy mentioned in this passage is a holy, righteous jealousy.
      - (2) God has every right to be jealous of who He is because there is only one God.
  - i) Many of us do not make graven images or fashion idols out of wood, but we commit idolatry just the same.
    - i) The Bible speaks of the idolatry of the heart.
    - ii) Colossians 3:5
    - iii) Ezekiel 14:3
    - iv) There are many different types of false idols.
      - (1) Ourselves
        - (a) We can become our own idol.
        - (b) 2 Timothy 3:2
      - (2) Money
        - (a) Matthew 6:24
      - (3) Family
        - (a) When God has first place in our lives, only then are we able to love our families with a deeper love, more pure love.
        - (b) Matthew 10:37
      - (4) Popularity
        - (a) John 12:42
        - (b) The opinions of other people can mean more to us than our love for God.
      - (5) Pleasure and sex.
        - (a) 2 Timothy 3:4
      - (6) Sports
        - (a) Sunday has become a day for sports entertainment.
        - (b) Exodus 20:8
- 3) THERE MUST BE PROPER COMMUNICATION OF GOD (Exodus 20:5)
- a) How are we teaching our children to worship God?
    - i) Wrong worship is one of the worst things we could do.
  - b) Exodus 20:5 serves as a warning against wrong worship.
    - i) False worship corrupts the mind.

- ii) 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.
  - c) 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.
    - i) 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.
        - (a) This gave a wrong conception and wrong picture of God.
    - ii) 2 Chronicles 26:21
      - (1) King Uzziah's son was Jotham.
      - (2) Jotham decided he would not go into the temple anymore.
    - iii) 2 Chronicles 27:1-2
      - (1) In essence, the father stopped going to church, and the son saw no need to go to church.
    - iv) 2 Chronicles 27:9
      - (1) Ahaz was Jotham's son and the grandson of Uzziah.
    - v) 2 Chronicles 28:2
      - (1) Ahaz worshipped false gods.
    - vi) 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.
    - vii) 2 Chronicles 28:3
      - (1) Ahaz also sacrificed his children to the false god Molech.
  - d) We have a philosophy that it doesn't matter what we do as long as no one is hurt.
  - e) But no one has ever sinned without someone else getting hurt.
    - i) There is no such thing as a solo sin.
    - ii) Sin never hurts just one person.
    - iii) The most hideous result of sin is its effect on the sinner's children.
- 4) CONCLUSION
- a) The law of sowing and reaping reaps for good, as well.
    - i) When we worship the one true God the right way, our families can reap the blessings of our choice.
  - b) Psalm 112:2
  - c) 2 Timothy 1:5-6
  - d) True worship is commanded.
    - i) God deserves it.
    - ii) God desires it.
    - iii) God demands it.

- (1) Luke 4:8
- e) The best thing we can do for our loved ones is to teach them to worship the one true God in the right way.
    - i) In order to teach them, we ourselves must worship the one true God in the right way.
  - f) Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
  - g) 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.
    - i) Romans 3:23
    - ii) Romans 10:9-10
    - iii) Romans 10:13
    - iv) Acts 16:31
    - v) John 3:16