

Jeremiah 10:6,10; Lord's Day 34
THE ONE TRUE LIVING GOD

- I. The truth.
 - A. The truth behind the law and the first commandment is the truth that God is God, and thus complete and irrevocable.
 - 1. God Himself spoke the law, so we must be acknowledging Him in the law.
 - 2. The law was placed IN the ark of the covenant (so it was not added to the covenant), but it is the “owner’s manual.”
 - B. God gave this command when His people came out of a land of idolatry and as it entered another land of many gods.
 - 1. God is the only Creator, Sustainer, and Governor of all (Acts 17:24ff).
 - 2. He is One in His Being and in all His activity and purposes (Deut. 6:4). He is owed all of our love (Deut. 6:4; Mark 12:29).
- II. The first command forbids some things of us.
 - A. Man was created a servant and dependent, so we always serve and trust something. Sinful man looks everywhere but to God.
 - 1. A big idol is self (II Tim. 3:1,2): personal happiness, individual rights desire fulfillment and materials of the earth.
 - 2. We must love God and Christ so we are not enslaved by our attachments.
 - 3. Be aware that Christians easily make their own ideas of God other than God's self-revelation.
 - B. Other violations of the first commandment: sorcery, soothsaying, superstitions, calling on saints, addictions.
- III. God requires a right worship from us.
 - A. Right knowledge of God by faith is necessary first.
 - B. We are to “cleave” (adhere, attached) to Him (Deut. 4:4; 10:20; 11:22; 13:4; 30:20; Josh. 22:5; 23:8; II Kings 18:6).
 - C. Trust in Him alone, with all humility and patience.
 - D. Expect all good to be from Him only.
 - E. Love, fear, and glorify Him with our whole heart.