

SCRIPTURE READING:

Exodus 20:1-17 and Deut. 4:14-31

SINGING:

309 – 266:1, 3 – 291:1, 3, 6-9 – 213:1-4 – 425:3, 6

WORSHIP ME HONORABLY

- I. What is God's intent? II. What is commanded? III. What is forbidden?
IV. What will be the fruit of obedience or disobedience?

Principle Two: *The TEN are divided over two tables* (Matt. 22:37-40)

I. WHAT IS GOD'S INTENT IN THE 2ND COMMANDMENT?

A. Keep reading each commandment *out of the law-giver's heart*

1. The 2nd reveals *His tender care* for us and our descendants
 - a. How does a final apostasy always begins?

II. WHAT DOES GOD FORBIDS IN 2ND?

A. The 1st and 2nd are related

1. In the first: *worship the correct God*
2. in the second: *worship the correct God correctly (honorably)*

B. What is the *correct or honorable way to worship the Living God?*

1. Without use of *any sort of images or pictures of Him* (Cat. Q. 98)
 - a. why did God give this direction?

b. God's glory is fully 'visible' in Jesus Christ (Heb. 1:3; Col. 1:15)

2. Without making a **mental image** of God that misrepresents Him

a. easy to perceive God as a *caricature* (Satan's strategy)

- Gen. 3:1-3; Ps. 50:21

- a misrepresentation of God *has disastrous results*

b. Examine your view /understanding of God's glory

- is it with emphasis God gave Himself in Ex. 34?

III. WHAT GOD COMMANDS US IN THE 2ND?

A. He commands us to *worship Him **appropriately***

1. Worship is far more than *gather in church*

2. To worship is *to do what we were created to be and do: image-bearer*
 - a. God's commands in 2nd to *reflect Him daily as He is*
 - compare Matt. 5:17 and Ex. 34:29

3. Such *daily worship* will overflow into the *weekly worship service*
 - a. central focus of worship services is to *be God Himself* (Bethel)

IV. How God reinforced the importance of His comm?

A. He stated that *He is a jealous God*

1. Though sounds *negative* it is *a positive revelation of His glory*

2. God's jealousy **about His glory** is *perfectly legitimate*
 - a. None is so great – so good – so devoted – so glorious as He

B. God warns us about the *effects of misrepresentation of His character*

1. It will be felt/seen **unto** the 3rd and 4th generation
 - a. one step away from God's character will be multiplied

2. Notice that Jesus' anger twice was *connected to transgressions of 2nd*

C. Yet God concludes the 2nd with a huge encouragement:

1. He promises to *honor those Who honor Him*
 - a. see Deut. 7:9

 - b. 'generations' is *His nation – church* rather than *individuals*

2. He promises *mercy!*

Reflection: *Do we love His Law as it reflects glory of our Lawgiver?*

Let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably
with reverence and godly fear:
For our God is a consuming fire.