

## Gleanings from the Pentateuch

### The Ten Words (Exodus 20)

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### Overview Summary

1. They express the central obligations of the Mosaic Covenant
2. They are stipulations for God's covenant people

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- *Expansion of the two great commandments*
  - "Love the Lord" (Commands 1 – 4)
  - "Love your neighbor" (Commands 5 – 10)

*The first is the foundation of the second*

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### 1. "No other gods before Me"

- based on His unique relationship to them as *their* God by redemption
- demand for exclusive devotion amongst other "gods"

*Idolatry is valuing any thing or person more than God*

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### 1. "No other gods before Me"

- *Fulfillment in Christ*
  - Jesus embodied exclusive devotion to and dependence upon God
  - Jesus is the image of God and the only means to relationship with God

*Worship of "God" apart from Jesus is idolatry*

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### 2. "You shall not covet"

- *Coveting is a form of idolatry*

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“...no immoral or impure person or *covetous man*, who is an *idolater*, has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.”

– Ephesians 5:5

“Therefore, put to death the members of your earthly body: immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and *covetousness, which is idolatry.*”

– Colossians 3:5

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### 2. “You shall not covet”

#### ➤ *Coveting is a form of idolatry*

- coveting is placing an inordinate value on something other than God to meet our needs
- coveting betrays a lack of contentment and satisfaction in God

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“But godliness is a means of great gain, when accompanied by contentment.”

– 1 Timothy 6:6

“Let your character be free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself said, ‘I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you.’”

– Hebrews 13:5

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“Little children, guard yourselves from idols.”