

Oh, How I Love Your Law!

Week 12 – The First Commandment: Sins Forbidden

OT: Exodus 20:1-3 | NT: Matthew 4:8-10

Psalm 119:73-80

What are the sins forbidden in the First Commandment?

- 1) Atheism: Either denying God altogether, or not having a God; (Psalm 14:1; Ephesians 2:12)
- 2) Idolatry: Having or worshiping more gods than one, or having or worshiping any with or instead of the true God (Jeremiah 2:27-28); I Thessalonians 1:9)
- 3) **Failing to declare and defend him as God, and our God**
- 4) The omission or neglect of anything due to him, required in this commandment; (Isaiah 43:22-24)
 - a. Ignorance about him (Jeremiah 4:22, Hosea 4:1-6)
 - b. Forgetfulness of him (Jeremiah 2:32),
 - c. Conceiving of him wrongly, as comparable to another being, or thinking unworthy and wicked about him (Acts 17:23-29; Isaiah 40:18; Psalm 50:21)
 - d. Bold and curious searching into the secret things of God (Deuteronomy 29:29)
 - e. All profaneness, which is hatred of God (Titus 1:16; Hebrews 12:16; Romans 1:30)
- 5) Self-love, self-seeking, as well as all other prioritizing our mind, will, or affections upon other things instead of God. (2 Timothy 3:2; Philippians 2:21; 1 John 2:5-16; 1 Samuel 2:29; Colossians 3:2; Luke 14:26; Matthew 16:24)
 - a. Vain credulity (saying you believe/have faith, but in your heart, wills, and affections, do not). (1 John 4:1; Jude 12)
 - b. Pride/self-exaltation (Jeremiah 13:15)
 - c. Arrogance/unwarranted confidence (Psalm 19:13)
 - d. Complacency – settled as the dregs, lack of zeal for the Lord, lukewarm, deadness/apathy toward the things of God (Zephaniah 1:12; Revelation 3:16; Revelation 3:1)
 - e. Loving pleasure over loving God (2 Timothy 3:4)
 - f. Estranging ourselves and apostatizing from God (Ezekiel 14:5; Isaiah 1:4-5)
- 6) Unbelief and Misbelief (not just in him, but in his promises and his attributes) (Hebrews 3:12; Galatians 5:20; Titus 3:10)
 - a. Believing wrong things about God (Acts 26:9)
 - b. Zeal while ignorant of God or zeal for wrong beliefs (Romans 10:2)
 - c. Distrust of God (Psalm 78:22)
 - d. Despair of God's sovereignty and justice (Genesis 4:13)

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- 7) An unwillingness to correct beliefs about God (Jeremiah 5:3)
 - a. Apathy about his judgments (Isaiah 42:25)
 - b. Hardness of heart (Deuteronomy 15:7; Romans 2:5)
 - c. Heresy or causing division (Galatians 5:20; Titus 3:10)

- 8) Ignoring, disregarding, treating as irrelevant, or despising the law of God (2 Samuel 12:9; Proverbs 13:13)
 - a. Resisting and grieving of testimony of the Holy Spirit in our hearts (the moral law written on our hearts) (Acts 7:51; Ephesians 4:30)
 - b. Discontent and impatience at his common grace and providence (Psalm 73:2-22)
Psalmist bemoans all the good things evil people enjoy, all the suffering righteous people feel; and yet comes to his senses (v.22) "In so thinking, I was brutish and ignorant; I was like a beast toward you.")
 - c. Using unlawful means (Romans 3:8)

- 9) Tempting of God (Matthew 4:7)

- 10) Praying, or giving any religious worship, to saints, angels, or any other creatures (Romans 1:25; Romans 10:13-14; Hosea 4:12; Acts 10:25-26; Revelation 19:10; Matthew 4:10; Colossians 2:18)

- 11) All compacts and consulting with the devil, and hearkening to his suggestions, sorcery, witchcraft (Leviticus 20:6; 1 Samuel 28:7-11; 1 Chronicles 10:13-14)

- 12) Making men the lords of our faith and conscience over God (Matthew 23:9; 2 Corinthians 1:24)

- 13) trusting in lawful means as the ultimate guarantor (Jeremiah 17:5)

- 14) Charging God as evil when evil is perceived (Job 1:22)

- 15) Ascribing the praise only due to God of any good thing – of ourselves, our possessions, or our abilities – to fortune, chance, idols, to our being, or any other created being (1 Samuel 6:7-9; Daniel 5:23; Deuteronomy 8:17; Daniel 4:30; Habakkuk 1:16-17)