

Sermon Notes

Exodus – The Revealing of God’s Glory and His Design for the Chosen

“The Second Commandment – No Idols or Idol Worship”
Exodus 20:4-6

I. Introduction.

A. Worship

1. Much in print on the subject.
2. The Second Commandment concerns how we worship God.

B. Review of the First Commandment.

1. Idols as competing with God.

- a.
- b.
- c.
- d.
- e.
- f.

C. What the Second Commandment teaches.

1. Exodus 20:4-6
 - a. Hebrew word for idol – “to h_____”
 - b. Contrast with Egypt who was told to worship Re.

II. False Worship

A. Human-centered worship.

1. Robert Schuller
2. God-centered vs. man-centered.
3. Michael Horton

B. Self-centered worship

1. Self-centered living.

2. If people believe God is there for them instead of being there for Him, men and women will worship themselves and not God.

3. Jeremiah 7:4-10; Amos 5:21-28; Lev. 10:1-3

C. No images in worship.

1. Heidelberg Catechism.

- a. Worship may be creative, but creativity must conform to Scripture.

2. Meaning of jealous.

3. Thomas Watson.

4. Neil Postman.

5. Idolatry in the New Testament.

- a. I John 5:20-21; Romans 1:22-23, 25

III. Points for Reflection

A. When we come to worship we come to talk to God, for God, and what we do is about God.

1. We must never think of worship as the “pick me up” I need once a week.

2. It is a duty to God.

B. Our corporate worship is meaningless if our individual lives Monday through Saturday are not filled with devotion.

1. God does not want our singing when our hearts are far from Him.

2. If we think this is OK, we have created a false image in our minds.

C. The sin of a graven image for the people of God is worshipping God in the wrong way.

1. Theme of the Book of Judges.

D. Sins that are forbidden in the Second Commandment. Here are some things to think about.