

Worship God Only



MEMORY VERSE: "Those who cling to worthless idols turn away from God's love for them." Jonah 2:8 NIV



Exodus 20:4-5a What Are Idols

1. The first four commandments show how to love God the way He wants to be loved. What is the Second Commandment? v. 4

2. The first commandment deals with who to worship, and the second commandment deals with how to worship. We are to worship only God, and not to worship idols. Review the definition of idol. Give examples of idols today.

3. What do you learn about idols and idolatry from the following verses:
Ezekiel 14:3

Jonah 2:8



Exodus 20:5 God's Jealousy

4. Read verse 5. Is God's jealousy good or bad? Why? See definition.

5. What happens when you put something else in the place of God? Why can't God use us when we have an idol in His place?

6. What do you think it means that God won't tolerate idols? How do you think our relationship changes when we do have idols?



Exodus 20:4-5a Worshipping God

7. Review the definition of worship. How would you define worship in your own words?

8. What does worshipping God look like to you?

9. What do the following verses tell us about God and how to worship?

Revelation 4:11

Romans 12:1-2

BELIEVE THE TRUTH

God's second commandment tells us not to have idols; God alone deserves our worship and praise! God is a jealous God. He loves us so much He won't tolerate our idolatry because He knows that idols take us further away from Him. We were made to be in relationship with Him and His will for us is always good and pleasing and perfect!

PRAY THE TRUTH

Dear God,
I know that you alone are God. Please keep me from having any kind of idols in my life. Help me to worship and honor You the way You deserve. Help me to no longer follow things in this world, but to be changed by You. I want your good and pleasing and perfect plans for my life. Amen!

WALK IN TRUTH



Can you identify any idols in your life?

How can you worship God the way He wants and deserves to be worshipped this week?

Various References (NLT)

Exodus 20:4-5a: “You must not make for yourself an idol of any kind or an image of anything in the heavens or on the earth or in the sea. 5 You must not bow down to them or worship them, for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God who will not tolerate your affection for any other gods.”

Idol: the worship of someone or something other than God as though it were God.

Ezekiel 14:3a “Son of man, these leaders have set up idols in their hearts. They have embraced things that will make them fall into sin.”

Jonah 2:8: “Those who cling to worthless idols turn away from God’s love for them.”
NIV

God’s jealousy: God’s jealousy is righteous and holy. He is jealous for us for our own good—because He loves us and does not want us to be destroyed by idolatry.

Worship: reference; adoration; an attitude and an action; acknowledging God and all His power and glory in everything we do. The highest form of praise and worship is obedience to Him and His Word. True worship is felt inwardly and then is expressed through our actions.

Revelation 4:11: “You are worthy, O Lord our God, to receive glory and honor and power. For you created all things, and they exist because you created what you pleased.”

Romans 12:1-2: “And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. 2 Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.”

Scripture quotations are taken from the Holy Bible, New Living Translation, copyright ©1996, 2004, 2015 by Tyndale House Foundation. Used by permission of Tyndale House Publishers, a Division of Tyndale House Ministries, Carol Stream, Illinois 60188. All rights reserved.