

Second Commandment

No graven images

Key verse

“Thou shall not make for yourself any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: You shall not bow down yourself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.”

--Exodus 20:4-6

Discovery questions

1. Why God commanded not practice Idolatry?
2. Why people make idols? And what do you think about idol worship?
3. What are the consequences for idolatry?
4. What are the various forms of graven images, molten idols, man-made customs which are highly valued among the local churches or so called Christians?

Set-1 Abomination of idolatry

Supporting verses and Discovery questions

Exodus 20:22-23; 34:12-13; 22:20

Exodus 34:17

Leviticus 17:7

Deuteronomy 29:16-18

1. What does the Scriptures say about graven images, molten gods, groves and alters? Why?
2. What is the penalty for idolatry? What are the results of idolatry?
3. How do scriptures portray idol worship? What will happen to idolaters?

Set-2 Sacrificing Children to idols/ molten gods is forbidden

Leviticus 18:21; 19:4; 20:2-5; 26:1

Numbers 33:52

Deuteronomy 4:15; 12:30

1. How did God reacted to Worshipping the Sun, Moon, stars?
2. What is the Scripture saying on the practice of making gods of silver, gods of gold?
3. How did God respond to heathen practice of even their sons and their daughters they have burnt in the fire to their gods?
4. Do you think worshipping the LORD GOD, ALMIGHTY in the way gentiles worship their gods is allowed? Why?

Set-3 Don't Judge Others

Supported Verses and Discovery Questions

Romans 3:23; John 8 :3-11; Matthew 7:1-5; Romans 2:1-8; 1Corinthians 2:13-15, 4:5

1. What is the spiritual condition of all people?
2. What did Jesus told when the teachers of the Law and Pharisees and Sadducees persuasively asking Jesus to respond to their question: "Teacher this woman was caught in the act of adultery. In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?"
3. What was the commandment of Jesus regarding "judging others"?
4. When the Law of Moses permits people to judge others by stoning such women to death why Jesus commands people not to judge others so emphatically?
5. What are the observations of Paul's regarding "judging others"?
6. Based on the above discussion is it allowed to put the people (who give their children to other gods) to death? Why?

Set -4 Any form of graven image is forbidden

Supporting Verses and Discovery Questions:

Exodus 20:4-6

Deuteronomy 5:8-10

Deuteronomy 4:15-31

1. Do you think making idols of Jesus on the Cross, idols of infant Jesus with Mary and Joseph is an abomination to God?
2. What are the scriptural instructions on wearing the graven image of cross in the jewelry, printing the symbol of cross on clothes of common man and white clothes pastors/bishops are wearing?
3. What are the various forms of graven images, molten idols, man-made customs which are highly valued among the local churches or so called Christians?
4. Do you find any sort of a graven image, the similitude of any figure, the likeness of male or female, likeness of any beast that is on the earth, the likeness of any winged fowl that flies in the air, likeness of any thing that creep on the ground, the likeness of any fish that is in the waters beneath the earth used among the Christian circles or local churches? If yes what are they? How are these treated?
5. What does the above scripture say about this kind of practices?

Application Journal

Apply to your personal life through your obedience to what God has spoken to you while you finish this lesson for God intended transformation to take place in you.

Use the space below to record your SHARPening activity

Simple -a short activity that can easily be completed this week

Hands-on -an action that goes beyond personal reading and reflection

Additional - a new undertaking, one you are not already doing

Realistic - a commitment that fits into your other priorities

Purposeful -A response of loving obedience to God that reflects His concerns for people and that points them toward His goodness
