

Sermon Notes

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

“The First Commandment – No Other Gods” – Exodus 20

I. Introduction.

A. The impact of the Moral Law on:

1. Unbelievers
2. Believers

a. Parents and children – Deut. 6:4-9

B. Requirement for ourselves and to be taught to our children.

1. Psalm 78:1-8

C. Ignorance within the culture.

1. Gallop
2. “The Day America Told the Truth”
3. Mankind is ignorant of how offensive and serious sin is to God.

D. Division of the Commandments

1. Four relate to God.
2. Six relate to man.

II. Exposition of the First Commandment.

A. Main Text: Exodus 20:1-3, repeated Deut. 5.

B. God has a right to impose obligations.

C. Teaches that there is a God.

1. No room for atheism, and no room for assent without a changed life.

D. Note Hebrew grammatical structure.

1. “Before Me” may have several meanings.
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____

2. Literally “Before my f_____”

E. Teaches that we must not have any idols.

1. Francis Bacon’s summary regarding kinds of idolatry:
 - a. The Tribe –
 - b. The Cave –
 - c. The Market Place –
 - d. The Theatre –

F. Additional idols include –

1. Our children (Watson)
2. Riches or materialism (Watson)

G. The Law teaches that we cannot be God.

1. Oscar Wilde
2. Robert Schuller
3. Luther
4. Horton

H. The First Commandment summarizes the essence of the Law.

1. Deuteronomy 6:4-5; Mark 12:28-29

III. Points for Reflection.

A. God is indeed sovereign, otherwise He could not be God.

B. Review of our duties. The Westminster Larger Catechism summation of Question #104.

1. The duty to know and acknowledge God to be the only true God. (I Chr. 28:9; II Kings 20:3; II Chr 15:2; Deut. 31:17)
2. The duty to worship God. (Ps 95:6-7; Phil 2:10; Ps 19:13)
3. The duty to glorify God. (Ps 29:2)
4. The duty to think about God. (Mal. 3:16)
5. The duty to meditate on God. (Ps 63:6; 42:8)
6. The duty to remember God (Eccl. 12:1).
7. The duty to honor God. (Mal. 1:6; Luke 6:46)
8. The duty to esteem God highly. (Ps 71:19)
9. The duty to believe God. (Ex 14:31)
10. The duty to trust God. (Is 26:4)
11. The duty to delight in God. (Ps 37:40)
12. The duty to rejoice in God. (Ps 32:11)
13. The duty to obey God, and submit to Him. (Jer. 7:23)

C. And when we do not, turn back to the Gospel.