

GOD KNOWS THE FUTURE AND HAS A PLAN

Family Devotion – Lesson 83

MEMORY VERSE – EXODUS 20:4-5

“Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image... Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them”.

- God commands NOT to make any kind of graven image for worship or spiritual devotion.
 - A graven image is an object such as a statue.
 - The word graven means “carved” or “sculpted.”
 - It does not matter who the image represents, whether God, a false god, man, animal, or thing.
 - Any form of bowing down to an image is IDOLATRY!
- Why is it a sin to make a graven image?
 - 1) God commanded not to do it. Sin is breaking God’s commandment (1 Jn. 3:4).
 - 2) The graven image is a false god. God is a Spirit, not an idol (Jn. 4:24).
 - 3) A graven image is a false god that is placed before God (Ex. 20:3).
 - 4) It leads to bowing down before it! God is a jealous God (Ex. 20:5). Only God is worthy of worship.
 - 5) No image can properly represent God. God sees idolatry as hatred against Him (Ex. 20:5b).
- Man’s invention of idols allows for self-interpretation and man made values. When man creates an idol, he is in control his god and ultimately becomes the god behind the god.
- The Devil does not care who or what man worships, as long as it is not God. There is a satanic spirit behind every idol.
- God knows the future and has a plan. He created man to worship Him alone in spirit and in truth. Sin has caused man to stray from God’s way and invent his own form of worship... PAGANISM!
- God’s command to not make graven images is His way of protecting us and leading us to Him.

QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS

- Can you think of a popular idol today that people bow down to and serve?
- Why do you think idols are so appealing to man?
- Why do you think God is jealous over you?

PRAYER TIME

- Ask God to help you to always put Him first.
- Ask God to help you to worship Him in spirit and in truth.

CHALLENGE

- What was the first idol in the Bible?