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⁴ “You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth.⁵ You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me,⁶ but showing lovingkindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

Focal Truth:

God's second word – You shall not be an idolater.

1. God is holy jealous toward idolaters who hate God.

“You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me.” Ex. 20:5

—for you shall not worship any other god, for the Lord, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God— Ex. 34:14

2. God's holy jealousy brings judgement on idolaters.

“You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me.” Ex. 20:5

But it came about when the judge died, that they would turn back and act more corruptly than their fathers, in following other gods to serve them and bow down to them; they did not abandon their practices or their stubborn ways. Judges 2:19

3. God loves those who love and obey Him.

...but showing lovingkindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments. Ex. 20:6

He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him.”

John 14:21

How do we love God?

- Wholeheartedly – Matt. 22:37
- Longingly – Ps. 42:1
- Faithfully – Ps. 97:10
- Exclusively – Ex. 20:3

How do we obey God?

- Trust God and obey Him. – Rom. 16:26
- Willingly obey Him. – Is. 1:19
- Desire to obey Him. – Ps. 119:5
- Love to obey Him. – John 14:23

Daily Use:

- Repent of your idolatry. – Ezek. 14:6
- Flee from idolatry. – 1 Cor. 10:14
- Guard yourself from idols. – 1 John 5:21

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