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EXODUS 20:4-6

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<sup>4</sup> “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.<sup>5</sup> 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,<sup>6</sup> 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's command against idolatry

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What is an idol? An idol is anything or anyone who becomes our focus of worship and service in place of God.

## 2. What is the sin of idolatry?

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Now when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people assembled about Aaron and said to him, "Come, make us a god who will go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up from the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Ex. 32:1

### 3. What is the attraction of idolatry?

So the next day they rose early and offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play. Ex. 32:6

- Idolatry satisfies the flesh. –  
1 Cor. 10:6
- Idolatry removes Gods authority. –  
Ps. 106:20-21
- Idolatry puts confidence in man, not  
God. – Ex. 32:4
- Idolatry conforms to the world. –  
Num. 25:1-3



4. What kind of idols do people make, worship and serve?

The idols of:

Sensuality

Materialism

Recreation

Self

Approval

Success

Religion

Family

Greed

## 5. Why is idolatry a sin?

- Idolatry turns our heart from God.  
Ezek. 14:3
- Idolatry alienates us from God.  
Ezek. 14:5
- Idolatry controls all the action of life.  
Ezek. 23:37

## Daily Use:

- Are you an idol worshipper?
- Put away your idols and return to God!

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