

True Worship

Exodus 20:4 -6

If God Text Messaged the 10 Commandments

- ☐ no1 b4 me. srsly.
- ☐ dnt wrshp pix/idols
- ☐ no omg's
- ☐ no wrk on w/end (sat 4 now; sun l8r)
- ☐ pos ok - ur m&d r cool



John Saddington

<http://churchcrunch.com/2009/06/04/if-god-text-messaged-the-10-commandments/>

If God Text Messaged the 10 Commandments

- ☐ dnt kill ppl
- ☐ :-X only w/ m8
- ☐ dnt steal
- ☐ dnt lie re: bf
- ☐ dnt ogle ur bf's m8. or ox. or dnkey . myob .



M, pls rite on tabs & giv 2 ppl
ttyl, JHWH.

Ten Commandments

#1

You shall have no other gods before Me



You shall make no idols



You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain



Keep the Sabbath day holy



Honor your father and your mother

 Bibleinfo



You shall not murder



You shall not commit adultery



You shall not steal



You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor



You shall not covet

Religious Idols Today



Buddha, Vishnu, Mary, Ancestor Worship

1 Timothy 2:5

- For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man ¹Christ Jesus,

Worship The Right Way



- ❑ 4 “You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

Numbers 33:52

- then you shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you and destroy all their figured stones and destroy all their metal images and demolish all their high places.



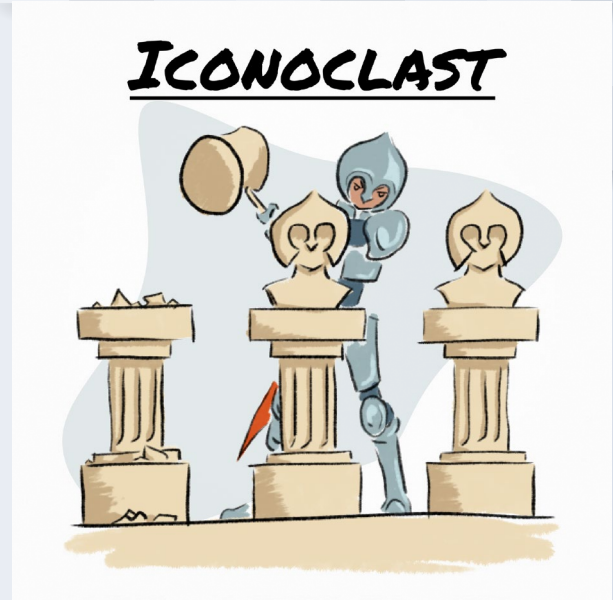
Deuteronomy 7:5

- ❑ But thus shall you deal with them: you shall break down their altars and dash in pieces their pillars and chop down their Asherim and burn their carved images with fire.



Iconoclasm

- ❑ Iconoclast = one who breaks idols
 - ❑ *Eikon* (Gr) = figure, image
 - ❑ *Klao* = to break
- ❑ Iconolater = one who worships idols



SCHISM OF 1054

— Separation of Western and Eastern Christianity, 1054

• Centres of the spread of Christianity



The Iconoclastic Controversy

- ❑ Leo III (East) decreed in 726 and 730 that images be banned and destroyed
- ❑ Charlemagne



The Iconoclastic Controversy

Pro Icons

- ☐ Art OK
- ☐ Pictures aid illiterate
- ☐ Icons performed miracles
- ☐ Incarnation justifies icons
- ☐ Window to spiritual world
- ☐ Veneration is not worship
- ☐ Popes support

Con Icons

- ☐ Compromise to paganism
- ☐ Violates 2nd Commandment
- ☐ Veneration of saints is idolatry
- ☐ False impression of God's incomprehensibility
- ☐ Bread & wine only exception
- ☐ Muslim threat

John Owen

- ❑ “The erection of any other altar in the church, or, the introduction of any other sacrifice requiring a material altar, is derogatory to the sacrifice of Christ, and exclusive of him from being our altar.”

Psalm 135:15 - 18

- ¹⁵ The idols of the nations are silver and gold, the work of human hands. ¹⁶ They have mouths, but do not speak; they have eyes, but do not see; ¹⁷ they have ears, but do not hear, nor is there any breath in their mouths. ¹⁸ Those who make them become like them, so do all who trust in them.

John Calvin

- “... every visible shape of Deity which man devises is diametrically opposed to the divine nature; and, therefore, that the moment idols appear, true religion is corrupted and adulterated.”

Institutes Of The Christian Religion, translated by Henry Beveridge, Vol. 1, Book 2, Eerdmans, 1957, p. 330

Worship The True God

Exodus 20:5 -6

God Is Jealous – He Wants Our Undivided Devotion

- 5a You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God,

God Is Jealous That No Other Gods Are Worshipped

- ❑ Exodus 34:14 for you shall worship no other god, for the Lord, whose name is **Jealous** , is a **jealous** God
- ❑ Deuteronomy 6:15 “For the LORD your God is a **jealous** God among you”

God Is Jealous That No Other Gods Are Worshipped

- ❑ **Psalm 73:25** Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.

God Is Jealous In Not Giving His Glory To Idols

- ❑ **Isaiah 42:8** I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols.
- ❑ **1 Kings 11:4** Solomon...his wives turned his heart after *other gods* ; and his heart was not loyal to the Lord his God.

God Is Jealous In Not Giving His Glory To Idols

- ❑ Romans 1:23 exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

God Is Jealous In Protecting His People

- Nahum 1:2 “God is **jealous** , and the LORD avenges; The LORD avenges and is furious. The LORD will take vengeance on His adversaries, and He reserves wrath for His enemies”

God Is Jealous In Protecting His People

- ❑ 2 Corinthians 11:2 For I am **jealous** for you with godly **jealousy** . For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

God Is Judging – He Wants To Protect Us And Our Family

- ^{5b} visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me,

Ezekiel 18:20

- ❑ The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not suffer for the iniquity of the father, nor the father suffer for the iniquity of the son.

God Is Loving – He Wants Us To Love And Obey Him

- ❑ ⁶ but showing steadfast love to
thousands of those who love me and
keep my commandments.

Conclusion

Worship Him supremely.

- **John 4:24** God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

Love Him only.

- ❑ **Exodus 20:6b** love me and keep my commandment

Matthew Henry

- ❑ “Since you know the true God, and are in Him, let your light and love guard you against all that is advanced in opposition to Him, or competition with Him Cleave to Him in faith, and love, and constant obedience, in opposition all things that would alienate your mind and heart from God.”

Trust Christ alone.

- ❑ **Acts 4:12** And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

Discussion:

- ❑ How does worshipping God in spirit and truth (Jn 4:24) oppose worshipping a statue of Jesus or a religious artifact?
- ❑ How does Christian worship differ from other religions?
- ❑ How does this passage's emphasis on God being jealous, just and loving enhance your worship of God?