THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Lesson Three

The First Commandment (2): You Shall Have No Other Gods
[Exodus 20:1-3; Isaiah 45:5;
John 1:3; Acts 14:15; 17:24-25;
1 Corinthians 8:5-41

Burden to Impart:

The one true God is the Creator of the universe: the heavens, the earth, and all the creatures in them. Only He should be our God. He is the only source of life in the universe. He is the Provider and the Caretaker of His creatures (especially man). He alone should be our God: the One we love above everything else.

Memory Verse: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

Deuteronomy 6:5

Facts to Teach:

- 1. There is only one true God. He is the Creator of the universe. He created the heavens, the earth and all things. Apart from Him nothing has come into existence that has any existence (Isaiah 55:5; John 1:3; 1 Cor. 8:5-6). Since He is the Creator of all things, shouldn't we only worship Him?
- 2. This one true God is the living God (Acts 14:15). He is the One who made the universe and everything in it. He is the Lord (owner, possessor) of heaven and earth. He also is the source of all life in the universe (Acts 17:24-25). Since all lives, including our own, come from Him, shouldn't He alone be our God?
- 3. This unique living God is the One who takes care of all His creation and His creatures. He sends rain from heaven and gives fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness (Acts 14:17). Since only God provides for our sustenance, shouldn't our prayers only be said to Him? Shouldn't our thanksgivng be given to Him alone?
- Since our God, the only true God, is the Creator of the universe, the Source of all life, and is our Provider, we sould only worship and love Him. Whatever a person loves more than everything else is his God. Some people love money more than everything else. Money then is their God. Some people love their possessions (bicycle, skateboard, dolls, etc.) more than everything else. Their possessions are their God. God alone must be our God, the One we love with all of our heart, soul, and strength; the One we love above everything else.

THIDDEN MESSAGE

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- 4. begins with K and ends with D.
- 5. begins with J and ends with T.
- 6. begins with A and ends with D.

Mark 12:30

7. begins with R and ends with T.

The Ten Commandments

God gave Moses ten commandments, or laws. They were written on stone. They showed people how to obey God.

Exodus 20:1-7; 31:18

