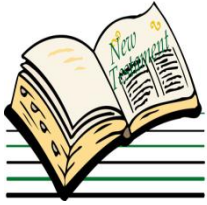


# Sermon Notes



Title: "The Second Commandment: God Regulates His Worship"

Text: Deuteronomy 5:1-10

Theme: God regulates and directs us how to worship Him. The Second Commandment embodies this principle. We must understand that the worship of God is not left to our unsanctified imaginations.

## I. Comments on the Second Commandment from Deuteronomy 5:8-10

## II. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Worship

- In one sense, \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ is worship.
- Your \_\_\_\_\_ worship of God cannot be what it should be if your \_\_\_\_\_ before the LORD your God is loose, shoddy, or corrupt.

## III. Application: How Do We Worship?

A. God regulates His worship by explicit \_\_\_\_\_.

B. God regulates His worship by \_\_\_\_\_ examples.

C. God regulates His worship by good Biblical \_\_\_\_\_.

Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group:

*Review:*

1. What is the Second Commandment (vv. 8-9a)?
2. If the First Commandment tells us the *object* of our worship, what does the Second Commandment address?
3. What specific practice in ancient days did this commandment target (v. 8a)?
4. How is this specific prohibition further explained and expanded (v. 8b)?
5. What was the common use made of such images (v. 9a)?
6. What is the basis for the prohibition in the Second Commandment (9b)? Explain what this means.
7. What warning does God issue for those who would violate this commandment (v. 9c)?
8. What promise does God give for those who obey (v. 10)?

*Reflection:*

9. Why does it matter *how* we worship God?
10. What does it mean to say that “all of life is worship”?
11. How is worship ordered the same whether it is in the broad sense or the narrow sense? How is worship ordered differently in these two areas?
12. What are examples of contrived worship of God that are not grounded in Scripture?
13. How does worship reduce to entertainment?

14. What are some straightforward commands involving worship that God gives to us?
15. How do you distinguish between an example that is appropriate to serve as a basis for worship from one that is not appropriate?
16. Are theological inferences (good and necessary consequence) legitimate as a basis for worship? Explain. What might be an example?