

# KEEPING THE FIRST COMMANDMENT

EXODUS 20:3

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- I. What is the Meaning of the First Commandment?  
(20:1-6; Isa 45:4; 1 Cor 10:19-20; Deu 4:13; Jer 3:14; Isa 54:5)
  
- II. How Do You Keep the First Commandment?
  - A. You Must Love the LORD Your God with All You Are (Deu 6:5; Matt 22:37)
  
  - B. You Must Know the LORD (Ps 1:1-3; Ps 25:4; Hos 6:3; Phil 3:7-8; Joh 17:3)
  
  - C. You Must Fear the LORD (Prov 9:10; Exo 20:18-20; Isa 6:1-7; 1 John 4:17-18)
  
- III. How Does Christ Fulfill the First Commandment? (Matt 4:8-10; 7:36-50)
  - A. You Must Love the LORD (Matt 10:37; Luke 14:26; Ps 37:4; 63:5-6; 73:25)

WLC Q. 104. *What are the duties required in the first commandment?* A. The duties required in the first commandment are, the knowing and acknowledging of God to be the only true God, and our God; and to worship and glorify him accordingly, by thinking, meditating, remembering, highly esteeming, honoring, adoring, choosing, loving, desiring, fearing of him; believing him; trusting, hoping, delighting, rejoicing in him; being zealous for him; calling upon him, giving all praise and thanks, and yielding all obedience and submission to him with the whole man; being careful in all things to please him, and sorrowful when in anything he is offended; and walking humbly with him.

## Reflection and Application Questions (for personal reflection and family conversation):

1. What does the first commandment positively require?
2. How does Jesus Christ fulfill the first commandment?
3. How can you grow in keeping the first commandment?