

“O How Love I Thy Law!”
The Second Commandment
“Walk With God!”
Exodus 20:4-6

Introduction:

1. I'd Like For Us To Begin Our Message Time Tonight:
 - By Heading Back To:
 - 2 Timothy 3:16-17 - Which Has Been:
 - The Lense Through Which:
 - We Are Looking At The Ten Commandments!
 - 2 Timothy 3:16 - Where Paul Reminds Us:
 - That - “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: / That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works!”
 - According To This Verse:
 - “All Scripture” Is “Profitable!”
 - And - This Most Certainly Includes The Law Of God Given To Us In The Ten Commandments!
2. And So - For The Last Several Weeks:
 - We've Seen How:
 - The Second Commandment:
 - Is Profitable:
 - For Doctrine!
 - That Is - It Teaches Us Some Important Truths:
 - About God!
 - So Now - If You Go Back There With Me:
 - To Exodus 20:4-6 - We Looked At:
 - Five Truths About God & His Nature:
 - His Spiritual & His Sovereign Nature:
 - As Well As His:
 - Superior, Severe & Satisfying Nature!
 - Let's See Those Again:
 - As We Read Through:
 - The Second Commandment - 20:4-6 - “Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth! / “Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; / And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments!”
3. But - Not Only Does This Commandment:
 - Reveal Important Truth About God:
 - It Also Teaches Us Some Important Truth:
 - About Ourselves!
 - That Is - In The Words Of 2 Timothy:
 - It Is Also “Profitable . . . For Reproof!”
 - You See:
 - None Of Us:
 - Have Worshiped The Lord:
 - In The Way He Deserves!
 - So Many Times:
 - We Have Come To The Lord:
 - With Just Our Hands:
 - But Not Our Hearts!
 - So Many Times:
 - We Have Come To The Lord:
 - On Our Own Terms:
 - Instead Of God's!

- Like Nadab & Abihu:
 - Who Offered “Strange Fire” Before The Lord!
 - So Many Times:
 - We Have Come To The Lord:
 - Out Of Mere Duty:
 - Instead Of Delight & Love:
 - For The Lord!
 - And Because Of This:
 - Our Hearts Should Break!
 - But - They Don’t Have To Break To The Point Of Despair!
 - Because - Our Failure:
 - In Worship - Ought To Lead Us To The Only One:
 - Who Was Able To Perfectly Fulfilled The Worship God Is Due!
 - The Lord Jesus Christ!
4. Because - God’s Law Is Also:
- “Profitable . . . For Correction!”
 - That Is - It Tells Us:
 - What True Worship Is:
 - And - What The True Worshiper:
 - Is Like!
 - And It Was Jesus:
 - Who Came:
 - To Perform & Fulfill The Right Kind Of Worship:
 - For You & For Me!
 - And When You Trust In Him:
 - He Will Correct & Complete:
 - Any & All Worship Of Yours:
 - That Is Insufficient Or Imperfect Or Incomplete!
5. And With This In Mind:
- It Will Lead Us To:
 - What We Are Going To Look At Tonight!
 - And That Is How:
 - The Second Commandment:
 - Is “Profitable” Also “For Instruction In Righteousness!”
 - You See - There Is:
 - A Reason:
 - For Each Revelation:
 - Given To Us By God:
 - In This Commandment!
6. And Even Though:
- The Second Commandment:
 - Deals With Our Worship Of God:
 - ***In Particular:***
 - ***In General:***
 - It Applies To Our Walk With God As Well!
 - Because - For A Christian:
 - To ***Walk*** With God:
 - Is To ***Worship*** God:
 - Day By Day & Moment By Moment!
 - Even Like The Believers Of Old:
 - They ***Worshipped*** God:
 - As They ***Walked*** With God:
 - In Their Everyday Life!
 - Remember The Testimony:
 - Of Enoch?
 - In Genesis 5 - “Enoch ***Walked*** With God!”

7. And So It Can Be For You Tonight!

 - If You Are A Believer In Christ:

- God's Law About Worship:
 - Becomes To You:
 - "Instruction In Righteousness!"
- So - Now - As You Rely Upon:
 - The Perfect Worship & Life:
 - Of Christ!
 - You Can Respond To God:
 - With Your **Own** Worship & In Your **Own** Walk & Life:
 - Out Of **Love!**

8. So - The Reason For The Revelation:
- Of God's Spiritual Nature:
 - Is So That You Can **Worship** God:
 - As You **Walk** With God!
 - How Should We Walk With God?

1. Be Spiritual!

- In Your Walk With God!
 - Remember What Jesus Said?
 - In John 4:24-25 - "But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. / God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth!"
- But - You Can Only:
 - **Worship - In Spirit:**
 - When You **Walk:**
 - **In The Spirit!**
 - Look Over With Me:
 - To Galatians 5:16 - Where Paul Writes - "This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh!"
- But What Does It Mean To "**Walk In The Spirit**"?
 - To "Walk" Here Means To Live Your Life:
 - Your Whole Life - Under The Influence & Direction Of God & His Holy Spirit!
 - And The Illustration Is:
 - "Taking A Walk!"
 - Walking Has Some Great Health Benefits! But Whether Your Walk Is Long Or Short - There Is Always:
 - A Purpose For Your Walk!
 - Could Be For Health / "Get Your Steps In"
 - Could Be To Walk the Dog / Go To The Store / Visit Someone / Or Even Just For Fun & Scenery & To Breath In The Fresh Fall Air!
 - When You Walk - Also:
 - A Plan For Your Walk!
 - You Will Even Do Things Differently:
 - Depending On Your Walk!
 - If It's A Long Vs. Short Walk:
 - Different Shoes / Different Supplies!
 - If Its Cold Vs. Hot:
 - Different Clothes!
 - If Its To Be Fast Vs. Slow:
 - Different Directions!
 - When You Walk - Also:
 - A Path For Your Walk!
 - Sometimes Straight & To The Point!
 - Other Times - Doesn't Matter!
 - Sometimes The Path Is Clear:
 - Other Times - Make Your Own Path!
- But When You "Walk In The Spirit" Your Whole:
 - Life's Walk:
 - Is Different! And - Is New!

- Romans 6:4 - “Even so we also should walk in newness of life!”
- The Purpose Of Your Life:
 - And Every Step Of Your Life:
 - Can Now Be Under The Direction & Influence Of God Through The Holy Spirit!
- Instead Of Your Own Plan & Your Own Path:
 - You Strive To Follow After:
 - God’s Plan & Path For Your Life!
 - As You Rely Upon Him!
- Is This What Your Life’s Walk Looks Like?
 - Are You “Walking In The Spirit?”
 - Every Day, Surrendering Every **Part** Of Your Day & Your Walk:
 - To The Lord & To His Spirit?
- Remember - God Is A Spiritual God!
 - That’s Why He Says:
 - In Exodus 20:4a - “Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image!”
 - There Is No Physical Image:
 - That Can Represent:
 - Such A Spiritual Being Like God!
 - So - To Worship God Rightly:
 - Be Spiritual:
 - And Walk With Him:
 - **In & By** His Spirit!
- How Else Should We Walk With God?

2. ***Be Submissive!***

- This Too Is Part Of Our Walk With God!
 - A Life Of Worship:
 - Is A Life Of Submission:
 - To The Will Lord!
- In James 4:7:
 - We Are Told - “Submit yourselves therefore to God!”
 - To Submit Here Means:
 - To See Yourself & To Put Yourself:
 - Under The Authority Of God!
- Are You Seeking After God’s Will:
 - In Order To Submit:
 - To His Will?
- Remember - God Is A Sovereign God!
 - That’s Why He Says:
 - In Exodus 20:4b - “Or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth!”
 - There Are Absolutely No Creatures:
 - That Can Represent
 - The Creator!
 - So - To Worship God Rightly:
 - Be Submissive:
 - Be Submissive:
 - In Your Daily Walk With Him!
- How Else Can We Walk With God?

3. ***Be Sensitive!***

- This Is Also Part Of Our Walk With God!
 - A Life Of Worship:
 - Is A Life Of Sensitivity:
 - To The Word Of The Lord!
- **IE:** Several Years Ago: There Was A Fad Among Christians, Where They Would Wear Anything That Had The 4 Letters: WWJD! Shirts / Hats / Rubber Bracelets / Etc! Of Course Those 4 Letters Had A Special Meaning: What Would Jesus Do!

- Where Did This Come From? A Little Book, Written By Charles Sheldon In 1897, Titled: “In His Steps!” Where In A Little Church In A Little Town, A Group Of Christians Pledged To Spend An Entire Year Of Their Lives To Ask That One Question – “What Would Jesus Do” – Whenever They Had A Decision / Choice To Make! As You Read The Book - The Changes Made In Those Christian’s Lives Were Remarkable!
- That Was Just In A Book! But – What Would It Really Be Like / Really Look Like If You Were To Live This Way In Your Own Life Today?
 - What Would It Be Like In Your:
 - Community / Church / Family / Own Life!
- Possibly The Closest Thing To The Slogan – WWJD – To Be Found In The Bible Is In Colossians 3:17!
 - “And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him!”
 - But This Is No Mere Slogan!
 - This Is The Inspired Word Of God!
 - This Has Far More Meaning / Importance / Usefulness!
 - Than A Slogan Made By A Man!
- Albert Barnes Once Wrote:
 - “What a change would it make in the world if this rule were everywhere followed! How differently would even professing Christians live! How many of their plans would they be constrained at once to abandon! And what a mighty revolution would it at once make on earth, should all the actions of men begin to be performed to promote the glory of God!”
 - “What A Change!” – He Says!
- Remember - God Is A Superior God!
 - That’s Why He Says:
 - In Exodus 20:5a - “Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them!”
 - Nothing Else Deserves:
 - Your Allegiance!
 - So - To Worship God Rightly:
 - Be Sensitive!
 - Be Sensitive:
 - And Ready:
 - To Follow After God’s Will - Found In His Word:
 - Whenever There Are Decisions To Be Made Or Opportunities To Be Had!
- How Else Can We Walk With God?

4. ***Be Solemn!***

- This Too Is Part Of Our Walk With God!
 - A Life Of Worship:
 - Is A Life Of Solemn Reverence:
 - To The Lord!
- Unfortunately:
 - Fear & Reverence:
 - Of The Lord:
 - Has Fallen On Hard Times:
 - Even Among Those Who Call Themselves Churches & Christians!
- But Still - We Are Told:
 - In Hebrews 12:28-29 - “Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: / For our God is a consuming fire!”
 - God’s Nature Has Not Changed!
- Remember - God Revealed Himself:
 - As A ***Severe*** God - On Mount Sinai!
 - That’s Why He Says:
 - In Exodus 20:5b - “For I the LORD thy God am a jealous God!”
 - The Lord Is Zealous:
 - For His People:
 - And For His Own Glory!
 - And We Should Be Too!
 - We Should Be Careful:

- To Not Let **Anything** In Our Lives:
 - Rival The Might And Majesty Of God!
- So - To Worship God Rightly:
 - Be Solemn!
 - With "Reverence And Godly Fear!"
 - Because - He Is Still - "A Consuming Fire!"
- But - How Else Can We Walk With God?

5. Be Satisfied!

- A Life Of Worship:
 - Is A Life Of Satisfaction:
 - In The Lord!
- When You Turn To:
 - And Trust In The Lord Jesus Christ:
 - As Your Savior From Sin:
 - Then - God Gives You This Promise:
 - Found In Hebrews 13:5 - "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee!"
- Oh - What Satisfaction:
 - There Is In God!
 - In Christ!
 - And Yet - How Satisfied:
 - Are We?
- Remember - God Also Revealed Himself:
 - As The Satisfying & Merciful God:
 - In Exodus 20:6 - "And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments!"
 - So - To Worship God Rightly:
 - Be Satisfied!
 - **With** The Lord & **In** The Lord!

Conclusion:

1. Because - When You:
 - Walk With God:
 - In These Ways:
 - You Are Living A Life:
 - Of Worship:
 - That Honors Him - In The Spirit Of The Second Commandment!
2. This Is The Reason:
 - For His Revelation:
 - About Himself!
 - He Wants You To Love Him!
 - And As You Do:
 - This Kind Of:
 - Walk Of Worship:
 - Will Become Natural To You!

- * Is Your Walk With God - Each Day - A Walk Of Worship?
- * Are You Relying On The Power Of Christ To Help You In Your Walk?

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