

Exodus 34 - Second Precept Only God is God

Exodus (Names) - Changing the World
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Second Precept

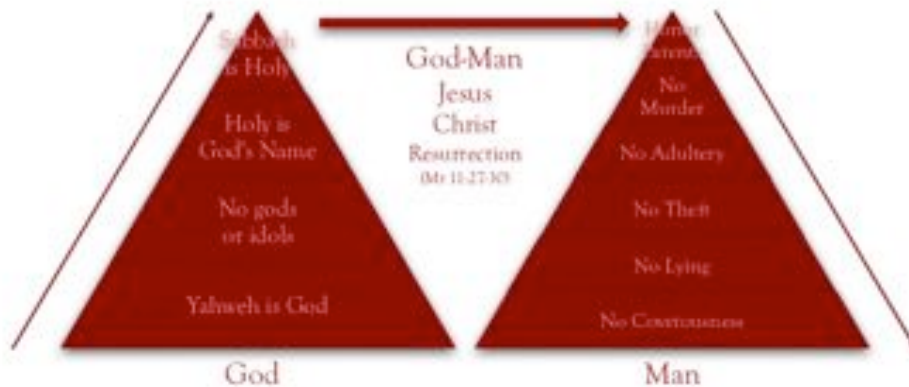
No gods beyond the LORD God

No representation of God

God cannot be limited

Idols diminish God

Second Precept - Only God is God



Ancient Man – Relied on man-god

- Nimrod – Prototype of man-god intercessor
- Each cultural ruler filled this “man-god” role
- Nine signs and Passover demonstrated the fallacy of man-god rulers



No Gods Beyond Me (I AM)

- Many place this as the first precept; however, I follow a minority pattern that combines this with the second precept
- The idea of gods and idols are two sides of the same coin as man uses idols to unify the people under one religion-government (Two are *inseparable* as religion informs government of right & wrong [Morality])

Keil & Delitzsch Reference

- This distinguished Old Testament commentary states that Bible reads, “You shall have no gods *beyond Me*” which better conveys the meaning than, “before me”
- Or, “You should not have god(s) *beyond Me*”
- Now, He states there are no other gods. Any gods one “makes” are replacements for God; i.e., *beyond God*

Infinite God Irreplaceable

- You replace an infinite God with finite god(s) (idols) (representations) because man and Satan are finite
 - Ancient man did not worship the idols as gods but as representations of the various attributes of god(s) they created *beyond* God (Hindu idols are representations of Vishnu)
 - They exchanged the truth of God for Satan by images representing the attributes they *believed* Satan has (Ro. 1:25-28; 1Co 8:6-7, 20, 22; 2Ti 4:3-4)

An Ancient (Modern) Pattern

- Man defines god(s); thus, he believes **he** is god
- However, sinful man is slave to Satan (Ro. 6:6, 10)
- Therefore, worship of anything *beyond* God is worship of Satan (Death)

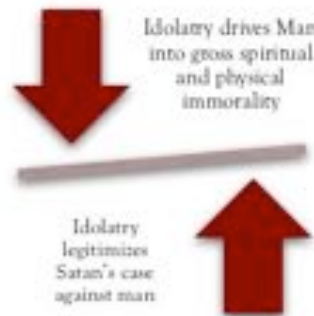


Satan Worship Common to All Men

- Man's fall hinged on man becoming god; but, man's nature mirrored his new father, Satan, enslaving him to Satan & sin
- Temptation of Christ hinged on the God-Man, Jesus, worshiping Satan in exchange for sin, as Adam did (Ro. 6:6-10)
 - Destroying hope of salvation (Life) for men
 - Destroying God Who would have violated His nature
 - Destroying all creation as it emanates from God (Ro. 11:3)

True Degradation of Idolatry

- God gave this Precept to warn man of spiritual and physical degradation that affects *all* aspects of life
- Man *embraces* degradation
- God lets man wallow in sin (no *forced* conversions)



Jealous or Zealous God?

- English word *jealous* carries negative connotation today
- Hebrew word carries the positive connotation of God being zealous for our good due to His holiness (Cross)
 - Negates idea of a jealous God hurting man for false worship (God causes his suffering due to false worship)
 - Instead God warns man of consequences of sin in ways man understands (prophets, calamities, degradation)

God Warns of Consequences

- Degradation of sin not only affects the practitioner(s) but also legitimizes the sin to the youth so degradation becomes *normal* (Trend: pop music, movies, casual sex)
- This pattern can last 3-4 generations; indeed, entire nations can be affected as leaders legitimize sin that last generations becoming *cultural practice*, enslaving future generations (Christendom, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism)

Idolatry Prevalent Today

- Idolatry is practiced today in many forms legitimizing degradation, promoting sin as philosophies & religions
 - Atheistic governments - Man is the idol
 - Democracies - Man is the idol
 - Christendom - Man is the idol
 - Judaism - Man is the idol
 - Islam - Man is the idol

Globalization Legitimizes Global Sin

- The 20th century's move to regionalization prelude to today's globalization
- Various powerful pseudo-sciences legitimize this (education, psychology)
- Globalization legitimizes idolatry with laws & regs



Globalization Legitimizes Degradation

- The U.N.'s Human Rights are interpreted to mean:
 - Physical immorality legitimized as personal expressions
 - All religions legitimized except the Gospel (Divisive)
 - All practices promoting unity of man (idolatry) allowed
 - All dissent labeled as "hate crimes" and illegal (Gospel)
- "General Welfare of Men" used to *suppress* Salvation

Idolatry Brings Unity of Sin

- Worship of man as god used to promote unity through idolatry, which God disrupted at the Ziggurat of Babel to disperse man and prevent Gospel suppression
- Globalization seeks to reunite man with Gnosticism as the substrate to bind all the religions back into the religion that will suppress true Salvation as divisive

This is the *Illogical* Mantra



We are all **HINDUS**
B U D D H I S T S
M U S L I M S
A T H E I S T S
C H R I S T I A N S
J E W S ... act like it.

False Prophet at Work

Monotheism Religions-Rate

Christendom

Judaism

Islam



Monotheism-Bad

Unified Religion-Love



Open Theism-Love

True Goal of Idolatry - Slavery to Satan

Face of Gnosticism



Fact of Gnosticism



Alternative to Idolatry - God's Love

- God demonstrates His love to *thousands* of generations of men (Ro. 5:6-8)
- We love God because He first loved us (1Jo. 4:19)
- We keep His precepts as we are now *new* creations in Him (2Co. 5:17; 1Jo. 5:3-5)



Second Precept Teaches Faith

- The Hebrews could not love God or follow His precepts for they, like us, are sin and hate God
- It is only by faith, from God, that one can: (Ro. 6:20, 23; 1Jo. 11:6)
 - Believes God exists (First Precept)
 - Believes God gives life and frees us from idolatry (1Jo. 5:18-21)
- Only through Christ can we shun the idolatry of Satan