

Ten Commandments (Part 17)
(The Second Commandment – Part 6)

Exodus 20:4-6

I. A Comprehensive Prohibition Stated (v. 4)

II. The Comprehensive Prohibition Qualified (v. 5a)

III. A Compelling Motivation Appended (vs. 5b, 6)

→Micah's self-made religion:

-was particularly aggravated (Deuteronomy 27:15)

-was thought to secure God's blessing (Judges 17:13)

-spread rapidly (Judges 18:30, 31; 1 Kings 12:29)

-parallels what we see today

→What is required by the 2nd Commandment?

-To worship God in the right way (according to His Word).

1) The Bible alone must be the rule for worship to be pleasing to God.

2) The visual must never eclipse the verbal for worship to be pleasing to God.

3) Our hearts must be genuinely engaged for worship to be pleasing to God (Isaiah 1:13-15; 29:13; Jeremiah 7:9, 10).

- We need pardon for past worship that hasn't been what it should be.

-We need power for future worship that is what it ought to be.

- We need to see Jesus Christ in order to worship at all.