

The Second Commandment – Session # 5 – “Worship in the Name of Jesus”,
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The 2nd Commandment of the 10 Commandments is this:

Exodus 20: 4-7 – “You shall not make for yourself a carved image – any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them nor serve them.” “For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.”

All true worship of God must be given to God through the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. The reason for this is because Jesus is the only Mediator between God and Man. “For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.” (1 Timothy 2: 5) We cannot worship God aright unless we know Him, and we cannot know Him unless we have come to God asking for the forgiveness of our sins and a heart changed to serve and honor Him as He desires; in accordance with His Word.

Let us see why it is so important; to come to God through Jesus Christ in our worship and to worship Jesus as God.

1. Because the Name of Jesus is above every name.

Philippians Chapter 2, verses 5-11 – “Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bond-servant and coming in the likeness of men, and being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.” “Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” Notice that it says, “the name” above every name; not “a” name, but the name. Notice, also, that our Lord Jesus existed in the very form of God. He was not taking anything away from the glory of God; it was not robbery for Him to consider Himself equal with God.

2. Because Jesus is of one Essence with the Father.

John 14: 9 – “Jesus said to Philip, “Have I been with you so long, and you have not known Me, Philip?” “He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, ‘Show us the Father?’” We worship God through our Lord Jesus Christ as the mediator between God and men, and yet we should have no objection to bowing down before Him who is very God and very Man; two natures in one blessed Person. This is how we are to worship God; coming to Him with our offerings of praise, realizing that it was He alone who has brought us to the God whom we cannot see, but whom we love, and who has loved us with an everlasting love.

3. Because all things have been created for Jesus and He should have the preeminence in all things.

Col. 1: 15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

Col 1:16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

Col 1:17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

Col 1:18 And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.