

Written in Stone: #1 No Other Gods

Exodus 20:3

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In the first commandment, our Lord addresses His desire to be honored exclusively as the only God. He is jealous for our undivided attention. He will not share it with another. He makes His desire explicitly clear. The challenge for us is whether or not we will honor His command. The stakes on this first one could not be higher. Eternal blessing or cursing hangs in the balance over our lives. Ask yourself: "Am I keeping the First Commandment?"

The First Commandment is based on **who God is and **what** God has done.**

Who are these other gods?

False thinking empowered by **demonic spirits**.

When it comes to worshipping God it is **all or nothing.**

What happens when we break the first commandment?

Case Study: **King Solomon**

He worshipped the gods of **money, power, and sex**.

Conclusion of the matter: See Ecclesiastes 2:11, 17a

What gods are you tempted to worship?

Use the **Love** test.

What do you desire? What excites you?

What does your mind dwell on?

Use the **Trust** test.

Where do you turn in times of trouble?

Where do you place your confidence?

What is the solution?

Fall passionately and deeply in **love** with Jesus!

Trust Him alone!

John 14:16

By now you have discovered that all roads do not lead to God, and life is not as simple as you once thought. For those who are at this crossroad, the Bible offers a new direction, one filled with purpose, fulfillment, and acceptance. The steps are simple:

1. Recognize that you're a sinner.

You must admit your spiritual need. *"There is none righteous, no, not one."* (Romans 3:10). We can't make excuses or blame others for our actions. *"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."* (Romans 3:23).

2. Recognize that Jesus Christ died on the cross for you.

"For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God..." (1 Peter 3:18). Jesus paid the price for your sin. The apostle Paul said, *"...the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."* (Galatians 2:20).

3. Repent of your sins.

The word "repent" means "to change your direction." The Bible tells us, *"Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord."* (Acts 3:19). God commands us to repent. You must be willing to turn away from the things that displease God.

4. Accept Jesus as your Savior.

Jesus said, *"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."* (Matthew 11:28). It is essential to come to Jesus just as you are. Don't try to "clean up your life" before you come to God. Instead, receive Him and allow Him to do the "cleansing." Jesus said, *"All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, And the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out."* (John 6:37).

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