

“Room for Only One”
“The Ten Commandments” — Part 1
Exodus 20:1-3

Everyone knows the 10 Commandments, right?

1. The Law—video presentation

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2. Understanding God’s First Command

And God spoke all these words: “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me.”
Exodus 20:1-3

What God’s command doesn’t mean:

- God isn’t saying anything about other people and their religion.
- God is not saying that He is needy for our attention.
- God isn’t saying that He should be our top priority.

What God’s command does mean :

- I want to be at the center of all your life.

“The duties which we owe to God are innumerable, but they seem to admit of being not improperly reduced to four heads: Adoration, Trust, Invocation, Thanksgiving.”

John Calvin

(Exposition of the 1st and 2nd Commandments)

Adoration—God wants to be the one who captures your attention.

Trust—God wants to be the one you depend on for everything.

Invocation—God wants to be the one you turn to in times of need.

Thanksgiving—God wants to be the one you thank when your heart overflows with an abundance of hope and joy.

3. Why should God occupy this central place in our lives?

- Because God is worthy!
- Because if He does, it will determine everything else about us.

- Because there is room for only one at the center of our lives.

“Let me become impatient, let me fix my heart on gain, and I do not see God. If I enthrone anything other than God in my life, God retires and lets the other god do what it can.”

Oswald Chambers

Conclusion: Everything flows out of this one commandment. If we don't get this one right all of the others will be out of place. The Ten Commandments start with our relationship with God and then flow out to our relationships with those around us.

Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law? Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.” Matthew 22:36-40

Questions for personal evaluation:

- What is the focus of your life?
- What consumes your thoughts?

Set your minds on things above... Colossians 3:2

- Who influences your life?
- Who do you turn to when you need help?
- Who are you trying to please?

What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord... Philippians 3:8

- How do you spend your time?
- What place does God's Word have in your life?

Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Ephesians 5:15-16

- How do you spend your money?

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6:21

Who or what is at the center of your life?

When we ask ourselves these questions, we can quickly begin to feel guilty. But that is not God's purpose. His purpose is for us to turn to Him first and invite Him into every area of our lives. Are you a believer in Christ Jesus? Know this, Jesus wants to be at the center of all your life! Don't turn away; run to Him.

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Romans 8:1

For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water...
Revelation 7:17

Prayer: "Keep Making Me"

Make me broken, so I can be healed. 'Cause I'm so calloused, and now I can't feel. I want to run to You, with heart wide open. Make me broken.

Make me empty, so I can be filled. 'Cause I'm still holding onto my will and I'm completed, when you are with me. Make me empty.

[Chorus:]

'Til You are my one desire. 'Til You are my one true love. 'Til You are my breath, my everything, Lord, please keep making me.

Make me lonely, so I can be yours. 'Till I want no one more than you Lord. "Cause in the darkness I know you will hold me. Make me lonely.

[Chorus:]

'Til You are my one desire. 'Til You are my one true love. 'Til You are my breath, my everything, Lord, please keep making me.

(Sidewalk Prophets)