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Ten Commandments (Week 2)

Ex. 19: 5-6: “Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.”

Mt. 5:14,19: “You are the light of the world...but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.”

Ex. 20: 4-6: “You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.”

Ex. 32:4-5: He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool. Then they said, “These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.” When Aaron saw this, he built an altar in front of the calf and announced, “Tomorrow there will be a festival to the Lord.”

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- They wanted Yahweh their way!
- When we make God into an image we only pick the parts that we like or are familiar with.

“for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God”

- Worldly Jealousy- I want something from you.
- Godly Jealousy- I want something for you.

We want not so much a Father but a grandfather in heaven, a God who said of anything we happened to like doing, 'What does it matter so long as they are contented?' C.S. Lewis

God's goal is not to make us happy; but to make us free.

- Salvation is when God delivers you from Egypt.
- Freedom is when He removes Egypt from your heart.

We don't bring God closer to us; He brings us closer to Him.