

MONTHLY BIBLE STUDY



TEN COMMANDMENTS #2

1. Write down as many of the Ten Commandments as you can, in any order.

Read Exodus 20:1-17.

2. Today's study is on Commandment # 2. (Exodus 20:4-6, NIV) "You shall not make for yourself an idol 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 fathers 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."
3. Why does the Bible consistently condemn idolatry? (See Genesis 35:2, Exodus 32:1-6)
4. What is an idol or graven image? Give some examples.
5. If an idol is anything we put before God or ahead of Him, do they have to be physical objects? What are some examples of non-physical idols?
6. "Self worship" is very simply trying to make God conform to our image; molding Him to fit our expectations, desires and circumstances. Discuss how self worship is a form of idolatry and how it can lead to all sorts of immorality.
7. Read Romans 1:22-23.
How could intelligent people turn to idolatry? The bottom line is this; idolatry is worshipping the things God made rather than the God of creation.
8. Is there anything you feel you can't live without?
 - a. Is there any priority greater than God in your life?
 - b. Do you have a dream you would sacrifice everything to realize?
 - c. Does God take first place?
 - d. Do you worship God or idols of your own making?

9. Read Luke 16:13.

What is your favorite image of God? Is it biblical? Is it adequate? Do you need to destroy it in order to worship the immeasurably powerful God who delivered you from bondage to sin?

10. Exodus 20:4-6 shows that loving obedience to God brings generations of blessing and conversely, God hating idolatry and sin bring generations of curses from God.

- a. First, people reject God;
- b. Next, they make up their own ideas of what a god should be and do; then they fall into sin -- sexual sin, greed, hatred, envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice, gossip;
- c. Finally, they grow to hate God and encourage others to do so. On the other hand, those who trust Christ alone and serve only Yahweh God receive blessings for themselves and their children and grandchildren;
- d. Cite examples of both of these concepts from the world at large and from your personal experiences.

11. What can CMA'ers do to show idolatrous bikers that they have "missed the mark?"

- a. How can we lead them to worship the one true God of the universe?

PRAYER:

Pray for wisdom in serving Yahweh and loving people in Christ's name this year.