

Four Commandments: God's Rights Exodus 20:1-6

The first four commandments focus on "God's rights" (one's duty to Him), but we will focus on the first two.

God claims to be Israel's God because He delivered them. 1,2

The commandments are first given verbally (20:18,19, Deut. 4:5-8). In 31:18 they are written down for the Israelites.

1st Command: The Lord's right alone to be worshiped, 3

- This command reflects outside influence, Josh. 24:14.
- This command demands no rivals, Isa.45:21b, I Tim. 2:5

2nd Command: The Lord's right to reveal Himself, 4-5a

- God demands no images of Himself, see Deut. 4:11, Isa. 42:8, Jer. 8:19, Deut. 32:21.
- This command will be so difficult for Israel and still is a problem today. And it will be a bigger problem later.
- God's demand reveals His right to be jealous, Ex. 34:14, Zech.8:2,3, Ezek. 16:8b, 39:25, Hos. 2:19, II Cor. 11:2.

What might be some possible false gods/idols which people might unknowingly be worshiping?

