



No Other Gods

3rd in the “10 Commandments” Series

Exodus 20:1-3 and Revelation 5

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The Text:

Exodus 20:1-3

¹ And God spoke all these words, saying, ² “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. ³ **“You shall have no other gods before me.**

Revelation 5

¹ Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals. ² And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, “Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?” ³ But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it. ⁴ I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside. ⁵ Then one of the elders said to me, “Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals.” ⁶ Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders.... ⁹ And they sang a new song, saying: “You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals ...” ¹¹ Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels ... ¹² In a loud voice they were saying: “Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!” ¹³ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying: “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!”

1. The first commandment calls us to faith in God alone, who will not share his worship with another.

2. The first commandment demands we move past behaviors and examine the desires of our hearts.

3. In light of Christ and the New Covenant, the first commandment shepherds us to see that Christ alone is worthy of our faith and worship.

Response

Lord, you alone are worthy! Help us to love you, trust you, and fear you above all.

Sunday Text Questions for Exodus 20:3 and Revelations 5 (“Ten Commandments” Series)

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- 1) Starter Question: what “gods” are worshipped and obeyed in culture today?
- 2) Read the text aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.
- 3) What is being prohibited by the command to “have no other gods?”
- 4) What does God mean when he says he does not want any such gods “before me” (literally, “before my face”)?
- 5) How might the things we love, trust, and fear become “gods” that we worship and obey?
- 6) How can we recognize the “gods” we have been worshiping in our hearts?
- 7) Read Deuteronomy 13:1-5. How does this passage explain the positive aspect of the first commandment?
- 8) Read Revelation 5:1-14. How does this passage reveal that only Christ is “worthy” of our worship and praise?
- 9) In what ways is Jesus more worthy to love, trust, and fear than all other “gods” in the world today?
- 10) In what ways does the first commandment give insight and direction to your commitment to God and your life in Christ?

Further study this week: Passages related to the first commandment: Deuteronomy 6:13-15 (Mon); Deuteronomy 13:4 (Tue); Exodus 23:24-25 (Wed); Hosea 13:4-6 (Thurs); Matthew 6:24 (Fri).