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## **SET FREE TO SERVE**

**FULFILLING THE PURPOSE OF OUR REDEMPTION**

*An Exposition of the Book of Exodus*

### **PART 24**

### **NO RIVALS**

*The Starting Point for God's Covenant People*

*(Exodus 20:3)*

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

*"You shall have no other gods before Me."*

#### **PREVIOUSLY...**

**You Are Mine! (Exodus 19:1-8)**

- The Mountain (19:1-2), the Mediator (19:3), and the Message (19:4-6)
  - "You are Mine... for I have redeemed you."
  - The Law was never intended to be a way to life, but a way of life for those who have already been redeemed.

**He Is Not Safe! (Exodus 19:9-25)**

- **Approaching the Unapproachable: On His Terms.**
  - There is no approaching Yahweh without consecration (v. 10-11a), without invitation (v. 11b, 13b), without limitation (v. 12-13a), and without trepidation (v. 16).

**All These Words! (Exodus 20:1-2)**

- **Disregard Them to Your Own Peril.**
  - The Covenant Context: Covenants form the basis of God's relationship with His Creation and especially mankind, providing a framework for all of history.
  - The Preamble: (v.2) I am not giving you these commandments so that by keeping them you might become my people. I am giving you these commandments because you are my people.

*"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt,  
out of the house of slavery."*

- "These Words" are both Foundational and Formational. For the Decalogue is not merely the revelation of God's commands, but of His character — with the expectation of our conformity.

## 1A. GOD'S \_\_\_\_\_ :

**"You shall have no other gods before Me."**

"I am the LORD your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. <sup>7</sup> You shall have no other gods before Me."

—Deuteronomy 5:6, 7

• He \_\_\_\_\_ .

"To whom then will you liken God?  
Or what likeness will you compare with Him?"

—Isaiah 40:18; 46:5

## 2A. MAN'S \_\_\_\_\_ :

• We \_\_\_\_\_ .

"But they **rebelled against Me** and were not willing to listen to Me; they did not cast away the detestable things of their eyes, nor did they forsake **the idols of Egypt.**"

—Ezekiel 20:8

"How **often they rebelled against Him** in the wilderness  
And grieved Him in the desert!

—Psalm 78:40

"For **they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator**, who is blessed forever. Amen."

—Romans 1:25

• God's wrath is directed toward mankind because of their \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_ of the **truth** and their \_\_\_\_\_ of  
and \_\_\_\_\_ against **God**.

## 3A. CHRIST'S \_\_\_\_\_ :

"But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, <sup>13</sup> waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. <sup>14</sup> For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified. <sup>15</sup> And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, <sup>16</sup> "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds," <sup>17</sup> then he adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." <sup>18</sup> Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin."

—Hebrews 10:12-18

• He \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ .

## CONCLUSION: