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FULFILLING THE PURPOSE OF OUR REDEMPTION

An Exposition of the Book of Exodus

PART 25

NO IDOLS

A Call to True Worship in a World of Substitutes

(Exodus 20:4-6)

INTRODUCTION:

"Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was being provoked within him as he was observing the city full of idols..."

—Acts 17:16

- Welcome to a world... full of _____, full of _____, and full of _____...

PREVIOUSLY...

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

- Disregard Them to Your Own Peril.
- "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.
- 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."

#1 - No Rivals! (Exodus 20:3)

- God's Exclusive Claim: He condemns rivals. (20:3)
"You shall have no other gods before Me."
- Man's Endemic Corruption: We create rivals. (Romans 1:18-25)
"... they exchanged the truth of God for a lie,..."
- Christ's Emancipating Conquest: He conquers rivals & cleanses rebels. (Heb. 10:12-19)
"...Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, ..."

—Romans 1:25

—Hebrews 10:12-18

#2 - No Idols! (Exodus 20:4-6)

- The first command focused on the “_____” of worship. The second command focuses on the “_____” of worship.

1A. THE _____ : (20:4, 5a)

“You **shall not make for yourself an idol**, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth. ⁵ **“You shall not worship them or serve them.”**

- God revealed Himself to Israel not through a _____ but through an _____.

“So watch yourselves carefully, **since you did not see any form on the day the LORD spoke to you at Horeb from the midst of the fire**, so that you do not act corruptly and make a graven image for yourselves...”
—Deuteronomy 4:15f.

2A. THE _____ : (20:5b)

“For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God,....”
“...for you shall not worship any other god,
for the LORD, **whose name is Jealous**, is a jealous God...”
—Exodus 34:14

3A. THE _____ : (20:5b-6)

“...visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing lovingkindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.”

1B. The _____ of _____.

- Idolatry is not just another sin,...
- ...it is a _____ sin.
- ...it is a _____ sin.
- ...it is a _____ sin.
- ...it is a _____ sin.
- “All sin is _____.

2B. The _____ of _____.

CONCLUSION: