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God Is To Be First
Ex. 20:1-3

A Church rented a bar for its meeting place and the parrot said, “New bartender, new piano player and same old crowd.”

* Sadly, this is a picture of much of the church today in America, it is very difficult to distinguish much of the church from the world!

We heard much about the “New Morality” during the seventies to the nineties but in fact it was an “Old Morality” that thrived on self, pleasure, sex and the insatiable thirst for things.

1. This type of philosophy has been responsible, in part, for the decay and fall of many nations in the past, such as Babylon, Greece and Rome.
2. And we can clearly see what a grip it has on our young people, our nation and the church.
3. We have gone from a nation of objective truth, to a nation of subjective truth.
4. The standard in America and the world is relativism, based on situational ethics, value clarification, that has resulted in the legislation of laws to enforce tolerance, non-judgmental, and acceptance of all, regardless of immorality or evil.
5. The only thing that is not tolerated is the Judeo-Christian ethic which this nation was founded on, attested by our constitution, the laws, in their

original intent, and every monument standing in Washington D.C.

6. We have come so far, that American judges and Educators have prohibited the displaying of the Ten Commandments in school, in fear that the children and young adults might obey them.

At this time, Moses once again has gone up the mountain to meet with God to receive the revelation of His words, for the people of God have been gripped with the awesomeness of the holiness of Yahweh, at the hearing of His voice.

Moses is about to receive the moral law, known as the Ten Commandments or Decalogue, in order to establish a moral responsible society and holy theocratic nation. Ex. 19:4-6, 1Pet. 2:9-10

1. The Ten Commandment are God’s revelation to live life out in accord with their Holy God, not so much to restrict the people but rather to guide them to experience life in it’s fullest and a safeguard against enslavement of sin and degeneracy.
2. The Ten Commandments stand high above all moral systems of human history, according to Jewish tradition they are considered, “the pillars of the law and its roots”.

The Decalogue is usually divided into two parts, though there are other division by others.

1. The First table of the law, contains the first four dealing with man's relationship with God. Ex. 20:1-11

* The vertical axis being the primary and the most important.

2. The Second table of the law has the last six, dealing with man's relationship with man. Ex. 20:12-17

* The horizontal plain, being the outgrowth of the vertical!

3. The responsibility of man was to obey God's words. Ex. 20:18-20

4. These basic laws are concise, comprehensive, saturated with simplicity and incredible depth of value, declaring the very fiber and key to an orderly, civil and safe society for people.

5. They are elementary and have existed from the very beginning before the fall of man, for each express the moral nature of God, imparted to man, who is created after His own image and likeness.

4. The content of the Ten Commandment are found in legal codes of antiquity and are the base of human government today in most societies in the world, in particularly the second table, man's dealing with man.

* All know murder, adultery, stealing, false witness and coveting is wrong!

5. The ten Commandments are also found in the book of Deuteronomy. Deut. 5

* They are not different from the ones in the book of Exodus, they do bear a slight difference but do not affect the meaning of the content.

Having said all this, we want to look at the First Commandment in the list of ten, which is characterized by three things.

I. The origin of the words. vs. 1

II. The authority behind the words. vs. 2

III. The primary foundation is the first word. vs. 3

I. **The origin of the words. vs. 1**

* "And God spoke all these words, saying."

A. The person identified is said to be God.

1. The First book, Genesis reveals and records the creation, uses this same word for the Creator.

a. The word God is "Elohim" and found in the very first verse of Genesis, "In the beginning God "Elohim", created the heavens and the earth." Gen. 1:1

b. The same God created man, "Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our **image**, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." Gen. 1:26

- c. The word “elohim” is used for the judges of Israel, due to the fact they were judging men in the place of God and also for gods invented by men.
 - 2. The word appears a total of 2420 in the Old Testament.
 - a. 200 times in Genesis.
 - b. 197 times in Exodus.
- B.** The person of God is the One responsible for all the words.
1. God “Elohim”, the Creator was the One who spoke all the words.
 - a. The word spoke “davar” is not as specific as the word “an order” or “a commandment”.
 - b. The word means a declaration, though we commonly call them the Ten Commandments.
 - * Literally it is the “Ten Words”. Ex. 34:28, Deut. 4:13, 10:14
 - c. They are said to be written by the finger of God, Ex. 31:18, 24:18
 - d. Two tables were given, written on both sides, the work of God and the writing was the writing of God engraved on stones. Ex. 32:15-16
 - 1) The Lord Yahweh declared ten basic principles of godly living.

- 2) The majority of them are in the negative against wicked practices of the natural or unsaved man.
- e. The words were of Divine origin, not human.
 - 1) The source of the words were from heaven. Ex. 20:22
 - 2) They gave witness to this, “And you said: ‘Surely the LORD our God has shown us His glory and His greatness, and we have **heard** His voice from the midst of the fire. We have seen this day that God speaks with man; yet he still lives.” Deut. 5:24
2. God gave these “ten words” as the basis for their spiritual live in view of God and moral life in view of man.
 - a. This was Yahweh’s standard, not man’s standard.
 - b. The Ten words are “apodeictic law”, absolute, not “casuistic”, subject to individual case in point, man needs absolutes.
 - c. The words were not given to save man, for they were redeemed already, but to guide and rule their conduct so as not to be in bondage to sin and degenerate. Rom. 3:19-20, 7:7-12, 8:3-4, Gal. 3:10-14, 3:11-25, 4:4-5

- d. The law could not save man but only point out his sin and condemn him, it was a tutor, to bring us to Christ, to be justified by faith. Gal. 3:15
 - e. The ten words are in the negative except for two, the Sabbath and the honor to parents. vs. 8, 12
3. The location is still Mount Sinai.
- a. The very place Yahweh had commanded Moses to bring the people to serve Him. Ex. 3:12
 - b. Sinai communicated to the people the holiness of God. Ex. 19:1-8
 - c. The instruction to Moses was to prepare the people to meet with their Holy God. Ex. 19:9-15
 - d. The manifestation of the holiness of God and hearing His voice brought fear upon the people. Ex. 19:16-25
 - e. Remember Exodus 19 is the introduction to the third division, to enter into covenant with God by law, emphasizing God is holy. Ex. 19-24
 - 1) The covenant of the Lord was declared to Israel, revealing the holiness of God. Ex. 19
 - 2) The ten commandment for Israel will confirm the holiness of God, though angels. Ex. 20. Acts 7:53, Gal. 3:19

- 3) The social and civil ordinances for Israel will affirm the justice of a holy God. Ex. 21-23
- 4) The covenant entered into by Israel will testify to the commitment to a holy God. Ex. 24

Illustration

President Ronald Regan on January 25, 1988 said in his speech entitled “Visions of America”, Standing up for America also means standing up for God who has so blessed this land. If we could just keep remembering that Moses brought down the Ten Commandments, not the ten suggestions—and if those of us who live for the Lord could remember that He wants us to love our Lord and our neighbor, then there’s no limit to the problems we could solve or the mountains we could climb together as a mighty force for good”.

Application

- 1. God has spoken to man since He created him.
 - a. He gave Adam charge over all the earth and animal kingdom, letting him name them.
 - b. He gave Adam permission to enjoy all in the Garden but for one clear restriction, to enjoy his wife Eve and fellowship with God.
 - c. But Adam listened to Eve, rather than God, bringing the fall, she was deceived, he transgressed. Rom. 5:12, 1Tim. 2:14
- 2. God spoke to mankind after Adam.

- a. He spoke to Noah clearly to prepare an ark to escape the coming judgment. Gen. 5
 - b. He spoke to Noah about replenishing the earth after the flood. Gen. 9
 - c. He spoke to Abraham clearly, to leave his father's house, relative and nation, to a land prepared for him. Gen. 12:1-3
 - d. He spoke to the many others, Isaac, Joseph, David, the prophets.
3. God has spoken to mankind through His Son, Jesus Christ very clearly about the way man can escape judgment and go to heaven and experience life to the fullest here on earth.
- a. God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. Heb. 1:1-4
 - b. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life and no man comes to the father but by Me. Jn. 14:6

The origin of the words were Divine, from Yahweh!

II. The authority behind the words. vs. 2

- A. God was the all existing One. vs. 2a
* "I am the LORD your God."
- 1. He identifies Himself as the God of covenant.
 - a. The phrase has been called "the preamble", which identifies the author of the covenant.
 - b. The personal pronoun "I" is emphatic and the subject.
 - 1) He alone initiated the covenant and stipulated the specific revelation.
 - 2) "So He declared to you His covenant which He commanded you to perform, the Ten Commandments; and He wrote them on two tablets of stone." Deut. 4:13
 - c. The word LORD Y@havah", is called the Tatragramaton, four consonants YHWH, no vowels were written, believed to be pronounced Yahweh.
 - d. The word is based on the same verb "to be" I AM Who I AM. Ex. 3:14a-b
 - 1) The word "hayah" is the singular verb "to be", "to happen", means continuing, unfinished action, "I

- am being that I am being”, active presence.
- 2) “He that will be, He that is and He that was”, I will be that I will be, expressing a perfect, unconditional and independent Eternal Self-existence.
 - 3) The phrase “I am Yahweh” has been said to constitute all that He is, says and does.
 - 4) The formula asserts His authority, “He is the One Who always is”.
 - 5) As if to say, I will be whatever you want and allow Me to be, I am your all and all, in a personal relationship, sufficient for all their needs.
- c. God told Moses, “Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” Ex. 3:14c-e
- 1) I AM, He who exists and will be all you need in the present, is the One Who sent me.
 - 2) The existing One, the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning, the End.
 - 3) Some have called it the “is-ness of the God of Israel”.
 - 4) “And God spoke to Moses and said to him: “I am the LORD.” Ex. 6:2
 - 5) Jesus said, “I say to you, before Abraham was I AM”. Jn. 8:58

3. He identified Himself as their personal God, “your God”.
 - a. The phrase appears four other times in the ten words. vs. 5, 7, 10, 12
 - b. Moses had declare to them He was their God through past covenant, the God of the Patriarchs, “Moreover God said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: ‘The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. “ Ex. 3:15a-g
 - c. Moses had declare to them He was the God of all the generation of Jews, after the Patriarchs, “This is My name forever, and this is My memorial to all generations.” Ex. 3:15h-i
 - 1) This was God’s name forever, revealing His person, character, authority, power, all that He was, His reputation.
 - 2) The name was a memorial to all generations, His acts and mighty deeds through all generations.
- B.** God is the One who had delivered them out of Egypt. vs. 2b
 * “Who brought you out of the land of Egypt.”

1. The personal historical redemption, made Hebrews more accountable to Yahweh.
 - a. They had witnessed the miracles.
 - b. They had witnessed the personal protection, separating them from the Egyptians in various judgments.
 - c. They had witnessed how Yahweh had spared their first born.
2. The manner of deliverance was by the ten plagues.
 - a. Nile River was turned to blood.
 - b. The land was plagued with frogs.
 - c. The land was plagued with lice.
 - d. The land was plagued with flies.
 - e. The land was plagued with disease.
 - f. The land was plagued with boils.
 - g. The land was plagued with hail.
 - h. The land was plagued with locust.
 - i. The land was plagued with darkness.
 - j. The land was plagued with the death of the first born.
3. The journey from Egypt to Mount Horeb was a miraculous.
 - a. The Egyptians were destroyed, after the Jews crossed the Red Sea on dry ground.
 - b. The waters of Marrah were healed in their complaint.
 - c. The manna and quail were provided at their murmurings.

- d. The provisions of water by Moses striking the rock at Horeb, after their striving.
 - e. The defeat of Amalek by God as they attacked Israel.
- C. God is the One Who freed them from bondage. vs. 2c
 * “Out of the house of bondage.”
1. They had been slaves in Egypt for 430 years. Ex. 12:40
 2. They had increased, so Pharaoh feared, lest they join their enemies.
 3. They had been targeted for genocide of their children by ordering midwives to kill the new born.
 4. They had been ordered to cast their children into the Nile River.
 5. They had been made to bear harder service in mortar and brick, increasing when Moses came to deliver them.
 6. They had lost all hope of being freed from their bondage, until God freed them to serve Him.
 7. The phrase “who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage”, is the great deliverance formula that appears about 125 times, describing Yahweh’s loving and gracious character toward His people.
 - a. It presumes indebtedness to God.

- b. It presumes appreciation towards God.
- c. It presumes love for God.
- d. It presumes the worship of God.

Illustration

The Egyptians believed a flat world rested on four pillars of stone and the ancient Hindus believed a flat world rested on the back of a huge elephant, the elephant stood on the back of an enormous turtle, and the turtle stood on an immense coiled snake! Yet Moses wrote, “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” #1463

Application

1. Egypt is always a type of the world that all of us were delivered from, as we believed and trusted the Gospel.
 - a. The gospel opened our eyes to the true condition we were in, dead in trespasses and sins. Eph. 2:1-2
 - b. The gospel gave us the ability to choose for ourselves, whether to remain lost or be saved. Jn. 3:16
 - c. The gospel regenerated our hearts and minds by the power of the Holy Spirit. Tit. 3:5
 - d. The gospel made us sons and daughters of God. 2Cor. 6:18
2. The deliverance took us out of darkness into the kingdom of God.
 - a. We are now new creatures. 2Cor. 5:17

- b. We are now able to please God. Heb. 11:6
 - c. We are now willing to do the will of God. Rom. 12:1-2
 - d. We are now able to see the terrible condition of others without Christ. 2Cor. 5:11
 - e. We are fully aware that we owe all to Jesus. 1Cor. 1:31
3. The deliverance freed us from a life of bondage to sin.
 - a. Living in pride and rebellion against God.
 - b. Living in a permissive and immoral life.
 - c. Living for pleasure, things and people.
 - d. Living for partying destroying our lives with alcohol and drugs.
 - e. Living attempting to fill that void in our hearts, yet never finding it!
* Children of wrath. Eph. 2:3-4. 4:17-20
 4. The historical evidence was sufficient for the people of God to realize the words of God were for their good and not evil.
 - a. To have a world view that God is the Creator of all things.
 - b. To have a world view that God is aware of all things.
 - c. To have a world view that God will bring every person to judgment, to be accountable for their lives.

The authority behind the words was Yahweh's!

III. The primary foundation was the first word or Commandment. vs. 3

* “You shall have no other gods before Me.”

A. The ones being addressed are the people of God.

1. The prohibition is personal and individual.
 - a. The phrase “you shall” is in the second person singular.
 - b. The prohibition was to every man and woman individually, no exception.
2. The people heard Yahweh with their own ears. Ex. 19:9, 19-20, Deut. 4:10-14, 32-40, 5:4, 22-27, 9:10
 - a. And the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I come to you in the thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with you, and believe you forever.” Ex. 19:9a-d
 - b. “They told Moses, “You speak with us, and we will hear; but let not God speak with us, lest we die. And Moses said to the people, “Do not fear; for God has come to test you, and that His fear may be before you, so that you may not sin.” Ex. 20:19-20
 - c. “And I will let them hear My words, that they may learn to fear Me all the days they live on the earth, and that

they may teach their children.” Deut. 4:10d-e

- d. “Out of heaven He let you hear His voice, that He might instruct you; on earth He showed you His great fire, and you heard His words out of the midst of the fire.” Deut. 4:36
- e. “The LORD talked with you face to face on the mountain from the midst of the fire.” Deut. 5:4
- f. “These words the LORD spoke to all your assembly, in the mountain from the midst of the fire, the cloud, and the thick darkness, with a loud voice; and He added no more. And He wrote them on two tablets of stone and gave them to me.” Deut. 5:22
- g. “So it was, when you heard the voice from the midst of the darkness, while the mountain was burning with fire, that you came near to me, all the heads of your tribes and your elders.” Deut. 5:23
- h. “Then the LORD delivered to me two tablets of stone written with the finger of God, and on them were all the words which the LORD had spoken to you on the mountain from the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly.” Deut. 9:10

B. The word spoken to the people of God was a basic and eternal principle.

1. This was the absolute priority and fundamental requirement for all who would enter into covenant with Yahweh.
 - a. Jew by birth.
 - b. Gentile by proselytizing.
2. This first word is the foundation on which all the other nine commandments are built and the very reason for obeying them.
 - a. The first table deals with man's relation to God.
 - 1) The first two deal with **thoughts**.
 - 2) The third with **words**.
 - 3) The fourth with **deeds**.
 - b. The second table deals with man's relation to man.
 - 1) The sixth, seventh and eight with **deeds**.
 - 2) The ninth with **words**.
 - 3) The tenth with **thoughts**.
 - c. The ten words begin and end with the thoughts of man.
 - 1) The reason being is that God is the only One who knows our thought, from their origin. Ps. 139:2
 - 2) That is why the greatest commandment is to love the Lord with all our hearts, with all your

soul, and with all your mind.”

Deut. 6:5, Matt. 22:37-38

3. The declaration states clearly Yahweh is to have the foremost and preeminent place in the hearts and minds of the Hebrews, as the Supreme object of worship.
 - a. J.A. Motyer in his commentary points out that the negative command is far more liberating than the positive one, for a positive command restricts life to that one course of action, whereas a negative command leaves life open to every course of action except the one.
 - b. He illustrates this negative truth by the command to Adam in the garden, restricting him from only one tree, “You must not eat of the tree that is in the midst of the garden”, leaving him to eat from all other trees. Moyer:215
4. There is not to be no other gods in place of Yahweh, not even one.
 - a. The command is not saying that there are other gods but simply that men have the propensity to make their own gods and worship them, which are no gods. 1Cor. 8:5
 - b. The command rather states that Yahweh's people are not to be drawn, seek or be devoted to the gods that man invents.

- c. The reason is obvious, He alone had rescued them and they were entering into covenant with Him.
 - d. The covenant is likened to a marriage that demands and expects absolute and sole loyalty, fidelity for life.
5. The reference to “before Me” explains the negative command.
- a. The phrase means face or presence, not so much in place of Him or addition but in His sight, in His eternal awareness, to antagonize Him by refuting His Eternal being worthy of all devotion and glory.
 - b. The reason being He is a jealous God vs. 5b
 - c. God can not stand any rival in the heart of man, to replace Him.
 - d. God was and is the only true and living God.
 - e. They had witnessed and involved in the gross polytheism of Egypt.
 - f. They were to be a monotheistic nation, the belief that there is but one God, in contrast to polytheism, the belief in many gods.
 - 1) “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one!” Deut. 6:4
 - 2) “I am the First and the Last, Besides me there is no God.” Is. 44:6b

- 3) “But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in My name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other **gods**, that prophet shall die.” Duet. 18:20
- e. There were no atheist in the Ancient Near East, gods of all kind abounded.
- 1) “And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.” Josh. 24:15
 - 2) Atheist didn’t exist till much later, David said, “The fool has said in his heart, “There is no God.” They are corrupt, They have done abominable works, There is none who does good.” Ps. 14:1

Illustration

1. Anthropology teaches that man began with the concept of many gods and refined to the belief in one God, but the Bible teaches the reverse.

2. Man today believes in Pantheism, that all is God, but God is separate and greater than what He created.
3. Man believes in re-incarnation but he is separate from the animal kingdom and once he dies, there is the judgment, not another chance.
4. The Emergent Church teaches you are divine and you must tap into your divinity, through New Age meditation and contemplative prayer.
* “Therefore speak to them, and say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: “Everyone of the house of Israel who sets up his idols in his **heart**, and puts before him what causes him to stumble into iniquity, and then comes to the prophet, I the LORD will answer him who comes, according to the multitude of his idols.” Ezk. 14:4”

Application

1. Adam and Eve knew clearly that there was only one God. Gen 1-3
 - a. They talked and walked with Him.
 - b. They received clear provisions, permission and prohibitions.
 - c. They knew in their disobedience they sinned and they hid from God.
 - d. They were accountable to God, having to acknowledge their sin, confessed it and abandon it to be reconciled with God.
 - e. They paid a great price, being cast out of the Garden, having brought sin-nature and death into the world.

- f. The thought of being like God, deceived Eve to believe the lie, “For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” Gen. 3:5, Is 14, Ezk. 28
 - g. They continued in fellowship and the worship of God through sacrifice, in hope of the coming Messiah. Gen. 3:15
2. Noah knew there was but one God. Gen. 6
 - a. He found grace in the eye of the Lord, build an ark and escaped the judgment to come.
 - b. He preached for 120 years but no one believed him, yet the people knew about Adam and Eve and the fall.
3. The tower of Babel was built by men who knew there was one God but they did not want to acknowledge Him. Gen. 11
 - a. They wanted to make a religious system to heaven, apart from the one they knew.
 - b. They corrupted both the Creator and the creation, worshipping the creature more than the Creator and corrupting the God’s natural order of male and female. Rom. 1
 - c. The loss of monotheism, the belief in one God to polytheism degenerated the world prior to the flood as well as after the flood.
4. The Judeo-Christians concept of God is monotheism, one God in plurality, in contrast to monism, one God without plurality.
 - a. We believe there are three persons in the God-head, as taught in the Scriptures.

- b.** The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
- 5.** The New Testament tells us man has sufficient evidence for the existence of God by general revelation and accountable to God.
- a.** Paul says, “For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.”
Rom. 1:18-21
- b.** Paul again says, “For there is no partiality with God. For as many as have sinned without law will also perish without law, and as many as have sinned in the law will be judged by the law (for not the hearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified; for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness,

- and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them) in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel.” Rom. 2:11-16
- 6.** Today God has been replaced by many gods.
- a.** Pleasure, the god of Molech, who was worshipped by sacrificing ones infant on his burning arms, today it still is practice under the wise of abortion.
* “But she who lives in **pleasure** is dead while she lives.” 1Tim. 5:6
- b.** The intellect, the god of Baal, explaining God away, trusting in man’s theory of evolution to deny man was created by God, ignoring and contradicting good solid scientific laws and principles, not to mention all the evidence of creation.
* “Know that the LORD, He is God; It is He who has **made us**, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.” Ps. 100:3
- c.** Money, the god of Mammon, living for possessions, things, rather than God.
* “For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue

righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness.” 1Tim. 6:10-11

- d. If we love our wives, children or anything first, instead of God, we are breaking the First Word of the Commandments, for they become my god in life!

* “No one can serve **two masters**; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.” Matt. 6:24

The primary foundation was the first word, they were to have no other gods before Yahweh!

Conclusion

The First Word of the Ten Commandment was characterized by:

- I. The origin of the words was divine, from Yahweh!
- II. The authority behind the words was Yahweh’s!
- III. The primary foundation is the first word or Commandment, they were to have no other gods before Yahweh!