

New Horizons Christian Church

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No Other Gods Before Me. No... Really!

1st Commandment

Scripture: Exodus 3:14 – “Tell them, ‘I AM that I AM’ sent you.”
Exodus 20:3 – “You shall have no other gods before me.”

Introduction: In the gospel of Matthew, the writer tells us of a man who asked Jesus what the greatest commandments was. He said to the young lawyer, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength.” This is listed first, because everything else flows off of this command. At the very heart of this command is a clarion call to the uniqueness of God.

Definition: A God is anything you look to for good in your life. It’s anything you can look to, bank on, or trust in for your well-being.

I. Four Concepts tied to Exodus 3:14 – “I AM, that I AM”

1. It Speaks of His Self-Existence (He has always been who He is)
2. It Speaks of His Self- Sufficiency (He is self-containing)
3. It Says that He is Eternal (...that I am)
4. It Says that He is a Person (I am...)

II. “You Shall Have No Other Gods Before Me”

Statement: Gods come in all sizes and in all shapes. What are these gods? What do they look like today in a supposed godless society?

1. There Can Be People Gods
 - Anyone who speaks into your life that supersedes God’s Word on any subject.
 - Any written subject outside of God’s Word that holds value above Gods final Word on the subject.
2. There Can Be Entertainment Gods (American Idols)
 - Anything that can capture our affection and attention that allows it to overrule God in our lives.
 - Anything that adversely affects your time and energy previously given over to God.
3. What Happens when We Allow Other Gods – Judges 2:11-15