

Freedom: The Unexpected Logic of Blood-Bought Liberty

God First, God Alone

Exodus 19:1–20:3

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The first commandment does not affirm the existence of other deities. There is only one true and living God (1 Cor. 8:4–6). Rather it affirms that we are prone to grant god-like status to the gifts of God and thereby neglect the Giver. When we worship the creature rather than the Creator, we dishonor God, damage ourselves and hurt the people around us (Ro. 1:25). Because we seek from these things what only God can give, these “gods” will always disappoint us.

1. _____ gods: Believing man-made religions that lie about the only true and living God.
2. _____ gods: Longing to please people more than we want to please God.
3. _____ gods: Trusting money and what it buys more than we trust God.
4. _____ gods: Loving our country more than we love God.
5. _____ gods: Wanting fame and praise for ourselves more than we want it for God.
6. _____ gods: Satisfying our appetites by crossing the boundaries of God.