

HIS HOUSE
Exodus 20:1-3 NIV

And God spoke all these words: ² "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. ³ You shall have no other gods before me."

Exodus 20:1-3 (NIV)

1. Before we can have a relationship with God, we have to recognize the SERIOUSNESS of our past.

"... who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery."

Exodus 20:2b (NIV)

Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness?

Romans 6:16 (NIV)

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:23 (NIV)

2. A relationship with God is based upon God REVEALING Himself to us through His Son Jesus Christ.

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Exodus 20:1-2a (NIV)

For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form.

Colossians 2:9 (NIV)

3. A relationship with God requires a COMMITMENT to an exclusive relationship with God alone.

"You shall have no other gods before me."

Exodus 20:3 (NIV)

Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: ²⁶ "If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple."

Luke 14:25-27 (NIV)

4. A relationship with God is DEMONSTRATED by a willingness to live by the principles of His Kingdom.

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment.³⁹ And the second is like it: "Love your neighbor as yourself."⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

Matthew 22:37-40 (NIV)