

Southside Baptist Church  
Sunday Morning 2-13-22  
Christianity 101 – Message 24 Part 4  
Are the Commandments still relevant today?

1. Introduction:
  - a. Taking a look back:
    - 1) An idol can be someone or something that occupies the place of God in your life.
    - 2) Remember the External Challenge and the Internal Question?
    - 3) Truth is priceless treasure.
  - b. Taking a look ahead: (Johnnie the picture of the people at Mount Sinai here)
    - 1) Remember where we are standing – Exodus 19:17-25
2. Be careful to whom you bow: Exodus 20:4-6
  - a. Two components to this command.
    - 1) “shall not make” –
    - 2) “shall not bow down to them nor serve them” –
    - 3) Romans 1:22-25 – “who changed the truth of God into a lie...”
  - b. Consider the context of their life: Israelites and Egyptians.
    - 1) They have never seen any of their gods with this kind of power.
    - 2) God is making Himself known.
    - 3) Their idols have been a substitute for God.
  - c. What about idols in the context of our life?
    - 1) Idolatry is about deception. Satan is the father of lie.
      - a) Shift your eyes and attention away from what is really happen to focus n something else.
    - 2) Present day religious thought is something like this –
    - 3) The root of idolatry is really an attitude of the heart.
    - 4) You as the bride of Christ are engaged to Jesus and anything that seeks to divert your attention, re-align your priorities or compete for your love is idolatry.
  - d. He said that He is a jealous God: Verse 5
    - 1) The word “**jealous**” expresses His love for His people because He wants the very best for them.
  - e. Your walk and modeling of this is critically important: Verse 5
    - 1) In this verse God identifies a leader, “fathers” – Why do that?
      - a) These children followed the lead of their fathers to hate God.
      - b) There is another possibility. Verse 6
      - c) What do you see here?
  - f. Each is still accountable as well:
    - 1) No one is denied eternal life based only on what their parents do or do not do. Ezekiel 18.
    - 2) The problem lies in what is transferred by a life.
    - 3) Godly leadership can make the difference for all of eternity.
3. Today’s Take Away:
  - a. We know that it is possible that idolatry exists in your life. Can you identify anything that has:
    - 1) Drawn your attention away from Him?
    - 2) Has diverted your love from Him?
    - 3) Has monopolized your time from Him?
    - 4) Has redirected your treasures away from the Lord?
  - b. Leaders, how are you leading?