

Tuesday, June 14 - ⁷ “ *You shall have no other gods before me.* ”

- Given the context here, of God speaking to the gathered people of Israel at Mt. Sinai (Horeb), would you expect the word “You” here to be singular or plural?
 - What would the emphasis be if it were plural?
 - What would the emphasis be if it were singular?
- Somewhat surprisingly, all of the “yous” here throughout the Ten Commandments are in the singular.
 - How would this have changed the way that each person experienced this address by God to them?
 - What does this tell us about the nature of the covenant that God is making with his people?
 - Is he making it with a group of people, which is made up of individuals? Or,
 - Is he making it with individuals who together make up a group?
 - What difference does it make when it comes to the question of where the responsibility lies for the people of God to keep covenant with him?
 - What does this tell us about moral accountability before God?
 - Are we morally accountable as groups or as individuals?
 - Why is this so important for us to remember?
 - Why would God not choose to hold groups morally accountable to him, but rather hold individuals morally accountable to him?

KTFK: one we / that we / It is / judged alone. / will be / a group / shall stand / each is / before the / not as / one by / throne, but / brought as

Song: “Just As I Am”

Prayer: “Lord God, how stunning and brilliant it is that you address your people here as individuals, underscoring our individual covenant responsibility before you. May this remembrance – that we do not stand before you as a group, but as individuals – bring us to a greater sense of urgency regarding our own need for repentance and renewal, and keep us from the unjust practice of judging others by the groups they are in. Amen.”

Wednesday, June 15 - ⁷ “ *You shall have **no other gods** before me.* ”

- How would you define a god?
- What role does a god play in a person’s life?
- What other gods were the Israelites familiar with when this commandment was given?
 - What kinds of people, practices, or cultures did these other gods produce?
- Do you think it is possible for people to live without any gods, or will all people necessarily have one or more gods? Why?
- What are the most prominent “other gods” today?

- To what degree do they pose a threat to God’s people?
- Can people be worshipping gods without knowing it?
 - What would be the central difference between the will of any other god and the will of God the LORD?
 - Read Psalm 14:1.
 - Does this fool really believe that there is no God?
 - Why then would this fool say this to himself?
 - How much of this foolishness do you think goes on today?

KTFK: themselves that / his sin / what the / God does / persist. / devil wants / and in / Even those / will follow / not exist, / who tell

Song: “God and God Alone”

Prayer: “Lord, without you on the throne of my life I would certainly be worshipping other gods. It really doesn’t matter by what name they are called, for they all are of the evil one, and they all seek to lead me in the ways of sin and destruction. Help me to keep you on the throne in all things, O God of my salvation and sanctification. Amen.”

Thursday, June 16 - ⁷ “ *You shall have no other gods **before me.*** ”

- Read Matthew 6:24.
 - How does this help us to better understand the phrase “before me”?
 - Does God mean that it is ok for us to have other gods as long as they don’t come between us, or does he mean that we can have no other gods as they will always come between us?
- In the ancient world, most cultures had many gods as they believed that some gods reigned in one area of life and other gods reigned in other areas of life.
 - In what ways might we also follow this kind of pattern?
 - In what areas of life do you find it easiest to keep God alone on the throne?
 - In what areas of life are you most tempted to allow some other god to direct you?
 - The provision of security? 2. The provision of peace?
 - The provision of joy? 4. The provision of value?
- What is the difference between enthroning God as our Savior and enthroning him as our Lord?

KTFK: Savior we / god has / him Lord, / for a / If we / deftly climbed / want him / aboard. / otherwise another / must make

Song: “Breathe On Me, Breath of God”

Prayer: “Lord, I confess there are times when, while I continue to want you to be my God of salvation, I place my trust in another god for my joy or value or security. Help me to always keep you on the throne in every area of my life, that I might never have any God before you. Amen.”

Friday, June 17 - ⁷ “ *You shall have no other gods before me.* ”

1. What might be the evangelistic effect on others when we live without having any other gods before him?
 - a. What do we declare to others about our God when we allow him to lead in all things?
 - b. How is this effect made greater when we continue to follow his direction in very difficult or painful situations?
 - c. How does this commandment seem to imply that there will be many times when we may not want to allow God to be God?
 - d. In what area of life, or in what situation in life, are you most tested right now in allowing him to be God?
2. Why do you think this is the first commandment?
 - a. What does that tell us about the rest of the commandments?
 - i. Should we expect them to be easy to accept or hard?

KTFK: and witness / we may / in everything / cost, that / what the / be his / be God / Let God / lost. / no matter / to the / holy ones

Song: “Father, We Love You”

Prayer: “Lord, truly there is no greater testimony of your greatness than our living every area of our lives with you as God. Help us to do what you have said in all things so that others might recognize your true glory. Help us never to witness to others that you are not worthy of all trust and obedience. Amen.”

Saturday, June 18

Read the entire passage again and review the key thoughts from each day. Which did you find most important for you this week?

June 13 - He has / taken us / from Egypt / and from / slavery's chains, / so let / us give / to him / alone the / place from / which he / reigns.
June 14 - It is / not as / a group / that we / shall stand / before the / throne, but / one by / one we / will be / brought as / each is / judged alone.
June 15 - Even those / who tell / themselves that / God does / not exist, / will follow / what the / devil wants / and in / his sin / persist.
June 16 - If we / want him / for a / Savior we / must make / him Lord, / otherwise another / god has / deftly / climbed / aboard.
June 17 - Let God / be God / in everything / no matter / what the / cost, that / we may / be his / holy ones / and witness / to the / lost.

Family Worship 2022

June 13 - 18

Deuteronomy 5:7

Kids and Parents: See if you can unscramble the daily
KTFK - Key Thought for Kids (Answers on back page)

Monday, June 13

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1. How does the previous verse lay the grounds for this first commandment?
 - a. What right does God have in claiming the Israelites for himself?
 - b. What has God revealed about himself in his act of deliverance from Egypt that should make them desire for him to be their God?
2. Are these commandments given then in order to make the Israelites his people or because they are his people?
3. How might this truth (that God brought these commandments to them after he had delivered them from slavery rather than before) also apply to the role of these commandments in our lives as Christians?
4. Should we view these commandments as having been given also to us?
 - a. Have they been given to us because we are his people or in order to make us his people?

KTFK: taken us / us give / reigns. / so let / which he / He has / to him / slavery's chains, / and from / place from / from Egypt / alone the

Song: “Our God Reigns”

Prayer: “Lord God, truly you have taken me out of Egypt and from the slavery of sin. You have more than proven that you alone have the love and power and wisdom to be the kind of God I desperately need. Help me to live with you alone upon the throne of my life. Amen.”