

## NO OTHER GODS

Exodus 20:2-3

(Brief outline, add own comments)

**Introduction:** In the ten commandments, the first four deal with one's religious duties to God and the last six deal with one's moral responsibilities. (Build up your own introduction)

1. **"I am the Lord your God..."** applies to people who claim to have a relationship with God.
  - God enables His Own to be obedient - God instructs ONLY His own.
2. **"You shall have no other gods before Me..."**
  - There were gods for everything and there were gods everywhere.
  - God says don't do as others - worship ONLY ME!
  - Three men were put into a fiery furnace because they refused to bow to any other gods. Daniel was put into a lion's den for the same reason - refusing to bow to other gods.
3. Who is God that such singular allegiance is demanded?
  - "I AM," etc. creator, sustainer, etc.
  - The ground of all creation, all the living.
4. WHO is YOUR God? Jesus? REALLY? Does He have your FULL allegiance?
  - Or is Jesus crowded out by other "gods?"
  - Any god not getting your total allegiance cannot be GOD!
5. Is Business your God? Time on Sundays for Jesus, but its business the rest of the week.
  - Your main time and effort goes into your work.
6. Perhaps it is your Social life that is your god.
  - Your life is shaped by your friends, not by Jesus Christ.
  - You are one of the crowd, you talk, walk, look like, act like everyone else.
7. Check your daydreams - what occupies your thoughts when a quiet moment comes by. Are those thoughts good enough to be Godly thoughts?
8. Look at your checkbook - where is all your money going? Money is not spent on unimportant things - Is there a god there?
9. Remember the parable of the marriage feast? All were too busy to attend. **Matthew 22:2**
10. There is nothing wrong with life's priorities UNTIL they come between a person and God. One can become so worried over them that they become CENTRAL and not God.

### CONCLUSION:

1. Perhaps YOU are your own God! You have no need of anyone or anything else but your own self and you have all the answers.
2. Who - what is your god? Is it powerful? does it satisfy your deepest needs? Will it see you safely through eternity?
3. Are YOU too busy to let God be God in your life?