

Downsizing God

The Second Commandment

“You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them....”

Exodus 20:4-6; see also Genesis 2:16-17; 3:1-5; 31:19, 30-35; 35:2-4; Exodus 20:23; 32:1-6; Leviticus 19:4; 26:1; Deuteronomy 4:15-19; 27:15; 32:3-39; 1 Kings 11:3-11; 12:26-33; Psalms 115:3-8; Isaiah 40:18-20; 44:9-19; Jeremiah 10:3-16; 25:6; Hosea 9:10; Acts 17:29; 19:26; Romans 1:18-25

God’s image: Genesis 1:27; Romans 8:29; 2 Corinthians 3:18; Colossians 1:15; 2:9; 3:9-10; Hebrews 1:3

How to love God:

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Transformed by the Truth

Questions for Reflection & Discussion

1. Read Exodus 20:4-6. What questions do these verses raise?

2. Do you think it is possible to break the Second Commandment without worshipping a physical idol? If so, how?

3. Read Romans 1:18-25. Why do you think there is a link between idolatry and immorality?

4. In what ways have you been tempted to reject truths about God revealed in Scripture? Why? What are the best reasons not to edit Him? What are the dangers of doing so?

5. Read Colossians 1:15 and Hebrews 1:3. Why is Jesus the only permissible earthly object of worship? What does 2 Corinthians 3:18 say will happen to us when we gaze at Him? Who will benefit when this change occurs?

