

# A God Without Rivals

(Exodus 20:4-6)

<sup>4</sup> "You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. <sup>5</sup> You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, <sup>6</sup> but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments."

# **A definition of Idolatry**

- **Worshipping what should be used**
- Creation
- Sex, Shekel, Stomach
- Football, Firm, Family
- Pleasure, Possessions, Position
- Worship, Word, Ways
  
- **Using what should be worshipped**

# **The Signs of Idolatry**

- **Looking to other things for happiness**
- **Sinning to get what we want**
- **Sinning if we don't get what we want**

# **The Dangers of Idolatry**

- **What we desire takes us from God**
- **What we desire doesn't satisfy**
- **Our desires become destructive**
- **God may refuse us our desires**
- **God may grant us our desires**

# Questions

- Are there any idols in your heart - what are they?
- Are you saying - if I could have this I would be happy?
- What is it that you desire that causes sin in your life?
- What do you desire that brings sin when you can't have it?
- Think about any areas of habitual sin in your life - is there any connection between that sin and idols of the heart?

# Commitment

- Make a commitment to find out those idols by the Holy Spirit's power
- Make a commitment to do whatever is necessary to tear them down
- Choose again today whom you will serve