

Questions 82&83(A)

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Q82. What is the second commandment?

- "You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above, or on the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth. You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing lovingkindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments."

Q. 83. What does the second commandment teach us? - To worship God in a proper manner, and to avoid idolatry.

Scripture Base: Ex 20, Deut 5, 1 Ks 18, Rom. 1:22-23

Doctrine: WCF 19, 21:1-6 SC 49-52

Supplementary Questions.

1. Will God accept anything we might like to do to worship Him?

2. What does God tell us we must not do in worship?

Songs: "The Greatest Commandment" and "The Ten Commandments"— Judy Rogers

Teaching Notes

Review Q80: What is the first commandment? - *You shall have no other gods before Me.* **Q 81:** What does the first commandment teach you? - *To worship God alone.*

Readings: Ex 32:1-7(Golden Calf); Judg. 8:27 (Gideon); 1 Sam 4:3 (Ark); 1 Kings12: 26-30 (Jereboam); 2 Kings 1-4 (Hezekiah)

Supplementary Questions

1. **No.** God severely punished those who added new things to His worship. (Lev. 10:1-3). God is not pleased when we worship Him in ways He has not commanded us.
 - Can you think of any examples of people doing this today?
 - What reason do we have to believe that we can make God happy by doing something He hasn't told us to do? *None!*
2. He tells us that we are not to make images of Him.
 - This is what the second commandment says. We may not make images of false gods (as the first commandment reminds us), but they may not be images of the true God either.
 - He also tells us that we are not to worship Him through those images. (Ex. 20:5). This is what the Jews did at Mount Sinai when they made the golden calf and worshiped it. (Ex. 32:4-5). Two names of the true God are used here: "This is your god (Elohim) . . ." "Tomorrow shall be a feast to the Lord (Yahweh). They were trying to worship the true God through an idol – the image of a calf or one of God's creatures.
 - Paul tells us this is one of the reasons God sends His judgments on men (Rom. 1:22-23).

Gospel: Are you a worshiper of the true God? Are you worshiping Him in the way He wants you to worship Him? And are you worshiping Him for the right reason. Jesus tells you, "You shall worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only" (Matt. 4:10); and He says, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind" (22:37). Do you worship Him because you love Him for who He is (and not just for what He has done for you, although that is still important?). If not, then look to Jesus to help you. He can make you love God so that you will want to worship Him as He commands with your whole life.

Extras: *Give plenty of time to memorization!* Cut out their Jigsaw W/S & remake. W/S 80-87, part 2, if time!

Songs: Greatest Commandment, 10 Commandments - J Rogers