

"No other gods"

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Text: Exodus 20:1-3.

- Intro:
- Exodus 20 - Giving of ten commandments to Israel by Moses who of course received it from God.  
• See Exodus 19:25
  - Some would say only applies to Israel, doesn't apply to Christians today in the age of grace.
  - As we look at the children of Israel, we see they are a picture or type of the church today.
  - I believe most definitely we can apply what we just read in Exodus 20:1-3, to the Christian today.
  - Read vs 2 -  
"I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt," -
  - We know that the Lord, God and the Lord Jesus Christ are one and the same.
  - Then just as the Lord God brought the children of Israel out of Egypt.
  - So, didn't the Lord Jesus Christ brought or delivered the unsaved person out of the world.

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- And all through the scriptures, Egypt is picture or type of the world.

- Paul, the Apostle wrote concerning the Lord Jesus Christ is Galatians 1:4 -  
" who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, "

- Jesus speaking to his disciples concerning the world - John 15:18-19 - vs 19 " ye are not of the world " - did you hear that Christian?  
↳ read again .

- start acting like it Amen!

- If the world loves you - then you have a problem - <sup>not suppose to be</sup> ~~that way~~

- Jesus prayed to the Father - in John 17:16 - <sup>→ see II Tim 3:12</sup>  
talking about his disciples -  
" They are not of the world even as I am not of the world. "

- Getting back to Exodus 20:2 - Read vs 2  
not only did the Lord God bring the Children of Israel out of the land of Egypt but also "out of the house bondage" -

- You see the Children of Israel were physical slaves to the Egyptians

Just as, not only did Jesus deliver the unsaved person from this wicked world when he saved him - but also delivered that person from the bondage of sin

An unsaved person is a slave to sin -  
↳ dead in trespasses and sins

Paul wrote the believers at Rome these words concerning this very subject - Rom 6:9-18

Now, the Lord God did not bring the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt, out the house of bondage, just to do what they pleased and live for the world.

No, he brought them out to live for Him, to glorify Him

Christian, God didn't save you, just so you could continue to live for the world, the flesh, and the devil.

He saved you to live for Him, to glorify Him -  
↳ to tell others how they can be saved

Paul wrote Gal 2:20  
" " I Cor 10:31

↳ we are ambassadors  
↳ to build up those for Christ who get saved - minister to them

Jesus said MT 5:16

↳ Christians always wondering what should & should not do  
well, simple if brings glory to God do it, if doesn't don't

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- How as Christians are we going to accomplish what God wants us to do.
- Going back to Exodus 20 let us notice what God commands the Children of Israel -
  - Read Ex. 20:3
  - "Thou shalt have no other gods before me"
- God is to be number one in your life -
- You are to love Him according to the Bible - "with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might."
- He is jealous God. He wants all of you -
- Paul the Apostle wrote to the Colossians the place, the Lord Jesus Christ was to have in their lives -

Col. 1:18 He said - "... that in all things he might have the preeminence"

Jesus in the Gospel Luke Chapter 14 Verse 26 talks about the cost of being His disciple -  
- Read Luke 14:26.

L In others, your love for Jesus should come before your love for your family

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- The Problem with many Christians today is they are trying to live for God with a divided heart.
- Trying to live for God and the world at the same time
- Jesus warned against in MT 6:24 - read
- James labeled such a Christian as doubled-minded -
- And because the Christian is doubled minded, James says he is unstable in all his ways
- Not just some of his way but all of his ways
- Christian are you having problems making the right decisions for your life?
- Maybe it is because you are double minded - trying to live for God and the world at the same time.
- Jesus says can't be done! -
- Getting back to Exodus 20 vs 3 -  
He commanded the Children of Israel -  
"Thou shalt have no other gods before me"

James  
1:8

• Applies to you Christian

• You may say, "well, I got that one covered -"

• I only worship one god, the God of heaven & earth.

• I don't worship any false gods - like children of Israel did in worshipping the heathen gods of the people of Canaan -

• Oh, my dear friend, you may not worship - the gods of the Amorites.

• You may not worship Baal, & Molech in name.

• But anything that keeps you from worshipping the Lord God - Capital "G" -

• Anything you put before the God of the Bible becomes your god - small "g".

• Anything that keeps you out of Church has become your god - <sup>→ sporting events,</sup>  
i.e. job, prior commitments, recreation, the beach, family etc - school - AA meetings, physical conditioning

• Anything that keeps you from reading your Bible & spending time in prayer has become your god.

i.e. T.V., newspaper, computer, videos - ungodly music etc.

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Anything that keeps you from tithing + giving offerings - has become your god -

• The lottery, new cars, the latest fashions, -

• Anything that keeps you from living a holy, clean life for God has become your god.  
i.e. fornication, adultery, pornography -  
dope, booze, etc.

• Christian what is your "god" or "gods"?

• Christian you have a choice to make -

• Just as Joshua, the servant of God challenged the children of Israel.

• I challenge you in the words of  
Joshua - Joshua 24: 14-15

vs 15 "Choose you this day whom ye will  
serve"

The God of the Bible - or the god of this world "Satan"