

## THE TEN COMMANDMENTS TODAY

EXODUS 20:1-19  
DEUTERONOMY 5:1-29

Exodus 20:4 “You must not make for yourself an idol of any kind or an image of anything in the heavens or on the earth or in the sea.

5 You must not bow down to them or worship them, for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God who will not tolerate your affection for any other gods. I lay the sins of the parents upon their children; the entire family is affected—even children in the third and fourth generations of those who reject me.

6 But I lavish unfailing love for a thousand generations on those who love me and obey my commands.

The \_\_\_\_\_ Idolatry Causes

The \_\_\_\_\_ Of An Idol

Colossians 3:5 So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you. Have nothing to do with sexual immorality, impurity, lust, and evil desires. Don't be greedy, for a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world.

Ephesians 5:5 You can be sure that no immoral, impure, or greedy person will inherit the Kingdom of Christ and of God. For a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world.

Ezekiel 14:1 Then some of the leaders of Israel visited me, and while they were sitting with me,

2 this message came to me from the Lord:

3 “Son of man, these leaders have set up idols in their hearts. They have embraced things that will make them fall into sin. Why should I listen to their requests?”

The \_\_\_\_\_ Of Idolatry

The \_\_\_\_\_ Of Idols

First, we worship the right God in the wrong way whenever we place seeing above hearing.

Second, we worship the right God in the wrong way whenever we make a particular expression of worship more important than the essence of worship.

Third, we worship the right God in the wrong way whenever we imagine God to be someone we can manipulate.

Fourth, we worship the right God in the wrong way whenever we worship God for some of His attributes but leave out others.

Fifth, we worship the right God in the wrong way whenever we divorce our concept of God from the product He produces in our lives.

The \_\_\_\_\_ From Idols

Romans 1:23 And instead of worshiping the glorious, ever-living God, they worshiped idols made to look like mere people and birds and animals and reptiles.

24 So God abandoned them to do whatever shameful things their hearts desired. As a result, they did vile and degrading things with each other's bodies.

25 They traded the truth about God for a lie. So they worshiped and served the things God created instead of the Creator himself, who is worthy of eternal praise! Amen.