

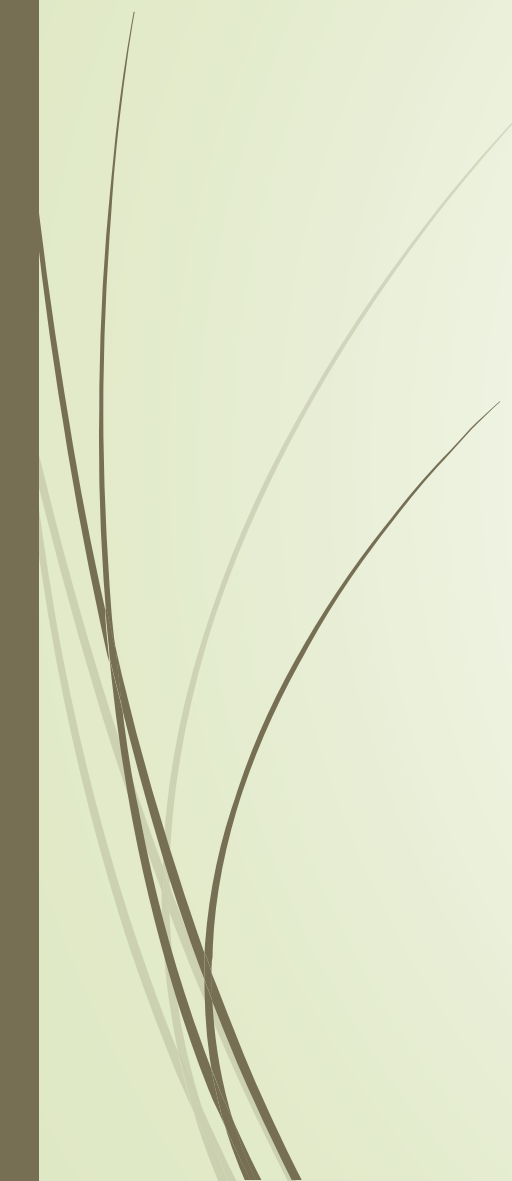


NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME

EXODUS 20:2



THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT

- Matthew 22:36-40 (NIV)³⁶ “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”³⁷ Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment.³⁹ And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”
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BACKGROUND

- Israel under slavery
- Abraham's covenant Genesis 15:18-21, Genesis 12:1-3
- Mosaic covenant Exodus 19:5
- The Ten Commandments summarize the terms of this covenant, beginning with the commandment to have no other gods before him

WHO IS



- ▶ You cannot serve or worship what you don't know
- ▶ 'To an unknown God' – Acts 17:24- 28

GOD'S ATTRIBUTES

observable in nature

Self-Existence

Rom. 1:19-20, Acts 17:23-29, Heb. 11:3

Self-Sufficiency

Isa. 66:1-2, Acts 17:24-25

Faithfulness

Psalm 36:5-6, 85:11, 89:8-12,
Psalm 119:90, Lam 3:21-23

Omnipresence Omniscience

Job 38-42, Psalm 139

RIGHTEOUSNESS

Psalm 50:3-6, 85:10-13; Psalm 97, 111

POWER

omnipotence
Psalm 145:10-13, Hab. 3
Romans 1:19-20

Goodness

Psalm 65, 67, 85, 103, 104
Acts 14:15-17

Mercy

Psalm 145:8-10
Psalm 113

Trinity

Prov. 8:22-31
Prov. 30:4
Heb. 1:1-3

HOLINESS

Exo. 15:11
Job 22:12-16, 25:4-6

Patience

Matt 5:45
II Pet. 3:5-9

Justice

Gen. 3:17-19
Job 9, Ps 96

KNOWLEDGE

Psalm 19:2, Isa. 40:12-26, 55:9

MAJESTY

Psalm 8:1-4, 111:1-4, Psalm 113
Neh. 9:6, Rev. 14:7

Sovereignty

Psalm 46, 74, 104, 135
Job 38-42, Isa. 55:10-11

Grace

Gen. 9:8-17
Psalm 121
Matt. 6:25-34

TRUTH

Psalm 57:9-11, 85:10-13
Psalm 108:4, 2 Pet 3:3-7

Glory

Psalm 19
Isaiah 6:3

WRATH

Gen. 6-9
II Pet. 3:3-13

WISDOM

Psalm 104, esp. v24
Prov. 3:19-20, ch. 8

ETERNALITY

IMMUTABILITY


Psalm 90:1-6
Psalm 102:25-27
Prov. 8:22-31

Ruler-Lawgiver

Job 38:31-33, Psalm 33:6-9
Psalm 135, 147

Lovingkindness

Psalm 33:4-7, 107, 119:64, Psalm 136

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- They that do not know You may call upon You as other than what You are, and so do not worship You but a creature of their own fancy; therefore enlighten our minds that we may know You as You are, so that we may perfectly love You and worthily praise You.

- A.W. TOZER

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO KNOW GOD?

- If God dwells in you then it's important to know Him. - John 17:3
- You get the benefits of being in a relationship with Him, - Psalm 103
- You will worship Him in spirit and in truth - John 4:24



WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO KNOW GOD?

- If you know God you will serve Him better – Daniel 11:32
- Fulfilment – John 10:10
- Tossed about from doctrine to doctrine - Ephesians 4:13-14
- If you don't know who God is you serve anything that looks good to you



What is a “god”?

- A god means that from which we are to expect all good and to which we are to take refuge in all distress, so that to have a God is nothing else than to trust and believe Him from the [whole] heart; - MARTIN LUTHER
- A god is synonymous to an idol
- *“An idol is anything which is more fundamental than God to your happiness, meaning in life, or identity.”*



WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU DON'T SERVE GOD ALONE?

- Physical Death
- Spiritual Death - You take the form of what you worship
 - Psalm 115:1-5 , 135:15-18
 - 2 Corinthians 3:18
- Living in Sin. Idolatry is the source of all sin
- Disordered love
- Idolatry begins in the mind – Romans 1
- You can't serve two masters, you will eventually hate and despise God-
 - Matthew 6:24



WHAT DOES SERVING GOD ALONE LOOK LIKE ?

- Matthew 4:10, "You shall worship the Lord your God and Him only shall you serve."
- Constantly evaluate your life with the help of the Holy Spirit and the Word of God – 2 Corinthians 10:5
- Put on the full armour of God – Ephesians 6