

## **Law 2: The Right God, The Right Way**

### **Exodus 20:4-6**

*<sup>4</sup> “You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup> You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, <sup>6</sup> but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.*

### **Two Different Commandments**

The first commandment has to do with worshiping the right God.

The second commandment has to do with worshiping the right God in the right way.

The first commandment forbids us to worship false gods,

The second commandment forbids us to worship the true God falsely.

### **Idolatry Explained**

1. The rule (Don't make any idols)
2. The Reason (God's zeal—the burning passion of His love)
3. The Warning (children will be punished for the sins of their fathers)
4. The Promise (to show mercy to those who love Him)

### **Idolatry Applied**

1. We make an idol whenever we worship an image rather than listening to the Word.
2. We make an idol whenever we turn God into something that we can manipulate.
3. We make an idol whenever we choose to worship God for some of His attributes, but not others.