
SERMON NOTES July 18, 2021

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False Beliefs About the True God Exodus 20:4-6 & Hebrews 1:1-3 Pastor Mike

- I. The 2nd Commandment prohibits making _____
- II. Christianity is a _____ based on _____
- a. A God we _____ isn't the true God
 - b. Relationship means loving God for _____
- III. God has _____ himself so that we can _____
- a. Through his _____
 - b. Through his _____
- IV. Common _____ of the _____
- a. A _____ image focused on _____
 - b. A _____ image we can _____
 - c. A _____ image that's _____
 - d. The image of a _____ and _____
 - e. The image of a _____ who exists to _____
 - f. A _____ image of God
- The God of the Bible is focused on _____ through _____

Questions for reflection, application, and discussion

1. The 1st Commandment teaches that we shouldn't worship false gods, while the 2nd Commandment teaches that we shouldn't believe false things about the true God. The two commandments deal with the two forms of idolatry. One is when we believe false gods, while the other is when we believe false things of the true God.
 - a. What are ways that we break the 1st Commandment? How do you personally struggle with this Commandment?
 - b. What are ways that we break the 2nd Commandment? How do you personally struggle with this Commandment?
2. In his message Pastor Mike said that a God that we create in our mind isn't the true God, and we can never have a relationship with the true God if we have an image of God that comes from our imagination rather than from God's word. What did he mean by this? Do you agree? Why or why not?
3. In his message, Pastor Mike said that we all naturally start with false ideas about God. When we first think about God or come to God, our beliefs are based primarily on our opinions, our experience, and our culture, far more than they are based on God's revelation of himself through his word.
 - a. Do you agree with this idea that we all start with false ideas about God? Why or why not?
 - b. If so, when you look back at your life, what are some false ideas about God that you have had and/or that you have struggled with? How did God confront and/or correct those false ideas?
 - c. If we know that we all start with false ideas about God, how can we know if our current beliefs about God are based on truth or on false opinions?
4. In his message Pastor Mike listed six common false beliefs, or six common false images of the true God.
 - a. In your own experience, which of those images are most common in our culture?
 - b. Which of those are you most prone to struggle with and or believe?