

THE FIRST COMMANDMENT

"Thou shalt have no other gods before Me." Exodus 20:3

A. The Command Itself: Read Exodus 20:1-3

1. In giving this command, what place did God demand for Himself in the life of each of His people? (See Deuteronomy 6:5)

2. For what two reasons did God have a right to expect obedience from them?

- a. Genesis 1:27 _____

- b. Exodus 20:2 _____

B. An Old Testament Example: Daniel was one of the Hebrews who was carried captive to the land of Babylon. Read Daniel 6 and notice how he was tempted to break the first commandment while he was in that land:

1. What two kinds of leaders did the nation Babylon have? Daniel 6:1, 2

2. What kind of leader was Daniel? Daniel 6:2

3. Why was Daniel chosen for this position? Daniel 6:3

4. Who tried to find fault with Daniel? Daniel 6:4

5. What was the only fault they could find? Daniel 6:5

6. What law did they get the king to pass? Daniel 6:7, 9

7. What did Daniel do when he knew that this law had been passed? Daniel 6:10

8. What would his punishment have to be? Daniel 6:12

9. Did the king want to punish him? Daniel 6:14

10. What did the king say to him when he put him into the lions' den? Daniel 6:16

11. What did God do to reward Daniel for refusing to worship anyone except the true God? Daniel 6:22

12. How did the king punish the men who plotted against Daniel? Daniel 6:24

13. What did the king learn about the true God because of Daniel's stand? Daniel 6:26

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C. The Command in the New Testament:

1. How did Jesus state this first commandment in the New Testament? Matthew 22:37;
Luke 10:27

2. How did He describe this commandment? Matthew 22:38

D. The Command in Present-Day Life:

1. What is a god? (Use your dictionary, ask people, and *THINK!*)

2. Do people in civilized countries today worship gods other than the true God?
(*THINK!*)

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Does God have a right to absolute supremacy in *my* life? (See Acts 17:24a, 28a; 1
Corinthians 6:19b, 20)

2. Am I guilty of putting some person or some thing before God in my life? (See Romans
1:18, 25)
