

No Other Gods
Exodus 20:3
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Mouse Idea: Loyalty to God means serving and loving him only

Introduction

The world loves having many roads that lead to God. They love having many different options. But the Scriptures only leave us with one option. God calls us to not have other gods or to serve other gods. He expects us to serve and worship him alone. This negative commandment is clarified by a positive command in Deuteronomy to love God with our whole being. Let's take a look at the implications of these commands.

Exodus 20:3

3 "You shall have no other gods before me.

- I. Negative – No other gods before me
 - A What are "other gods"?
 - B What does "before me" mean?

Deuteronomy 6:5

5 You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

Matthew 22:37

37 And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."

- II. Positive – Love God with your whole being
 - A We have one God to love with your everything.
 - B What are the differences between the different words?

Conclusion

As we have looked at all of these Scriptures and what they tell us we have seen that God has high expectations of us to put the weather gods before him and to serve only him. We are told God in the highest esteem possible. As we look at the command positively we find that we are expected to love God with our whole being, our hearts, minds, souls and strength. Mind body and soul are united in this great human endeavor to worship God and love him. I ask you today if there's any part of your being that is not loving God. It is hard for us to make these checks on our whole

person because we might be afraid of what we find. But God loves us more than we could ever love him and he will not be angry with us. He only wants us to worship him and love him with everything that we have.