

Theology Simply Explained — CC82 “Worshipping Our Way Is Worshipping Worship Instead of God”

Pastor walks his children through Children’s Catechism question 82—especially explaining how we are only worshipping God if we worship the way that God Himself says to do so.

Q82. What is the second commandment? ***The second commandment is, Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I, the Lord thy God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate Me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love Me, and keep My commandments.***

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Your catechism question this week Sophia is What is the second commandment? And your catechism answer is The second commandment is Thou shalt not make unto thee. Any Graven 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.

Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them nor serve them for I, the Lord thy God am a jealous God. Visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, unto the third, and fourth generation of them. That hate me and showing Mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my Commandments.

Which you can see just in the amount of verbiage the Lord sets a very high emphasis. Upon the keeping of this commandment. And, By his styling, those who break it, as them that hate me. And those who keep it as them that love me. And praise God.

Mr. Griffis and the catechism class yesterday? Made the point from Deuteronomy 4. that the spirit makes by Moses. leading into the repetition of the Ten Commandments in Deuteronomy 5, as I also have taught you and our congregation. many times. That God says, He present he reminds Israel that he presented himself to Not by an image, you saw no form.

But by words, you only heard a Voice. And that if you worship Him by an image, Then you're worshipping your worship. You're not worshipping him, you're not worshipping him as he is. You're worshipping him as you would like him to be. Or. In the way that you would like to have him.

And so, instead of worshipping God, you end up worshipping your worship. So the first commandment you should worship only God. And second commandment if you don't worship only God's way, Then you're worshipping your worship instead of God. very, very important. And you can see then Why he describes those who break it as those who hate him?

And those who keep it as those who love him. Who actually love. To actually have him. Rather than those who. Love. Have a way of having him or have an idea of him. That is not actually having him or that is not him. truly. Worshipping any other way is to hate God.

And the fact that it's difficult for us to see, it doesn't mean it's not clear or plain or true or obvious. It just shows how corrupt we are. in our sinfulness.