

## Theology Simply Explained — CC83 “Worshipping God Acceptably”

**Pastor walks his children through Children’s Catechism question 83—especially explaining how we must have grace in order to worship with the actions and attitudes required for the right worship of God.**

Q83. What does the second commandment teach us? ***To worship God in a proper manner, and to avoid idolatry.***

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The children's, catechism question this week is number 83. What does the second commandment teach us? And the answer is to worship God in a proper Manner and to avoid idolatry,

Now, I taught you last week, much of what the second commandment. Teaches but we'll use this answer to think about it again. To worship God in a proper manner. Reminds you of course that there is a proper manner of worshipping God. Now how do you determine which is proper and which is it, it's very easy.

Because what God determines is proper and what man determines of himself is not And so to worship God in a proper manner is to worship, only as God has commanded for, which you need the grace of God. In Hebrews 13 when it talks. About worshipping God acceptably it does.

So by saying let us have Grace That we may worship God acceptably. And yes, this means only in the actions that God has commanded, but it also means only in the attitude that God has commanded So the second commandment also teaches you that you should be reverent respectful. Having appropriate thoughts of how great and glorious God is.

And responding to him with wonder and respect with awe. Towards him in your heart. Whenever you worship him by yourself, whenever you worship him with the family, whenever you worship him with the church as certainly, you will have it in the last day when you worship him with all of those whom he had loved and chosen and atoned for in Christ and gathered to himself and perfected.

And there we all are How much all how much reverence will there be then? With all of those gracious glorified Hearts. And so, You are to worship him in a proper Manner and then of course, you must avoid idolatry. You must avoid coming to God, either with actions that are your idea or attitudes that are other than what God has commanded.

This idolatry is not merely a mistaken manner of worshipping. God, it is to offend God to his face. Which is what he the point that he was making when he said about nadab and abaihu and Moses talks to Aaron after they have been executed by God. And he says, is this not what the Lord says.

By those who come near me. I must be hallowed. I must be regarded as holy. And so, both in coming with an action that God had not commanded, which therefore shows that they have the wrong attitude, being willing to come in their own way. That's not all However, odd, they might feel in themselves.

Remember last week, who said to Worship in the wrong way is to worship worship instead of to worship God. And so that's not all towards God. And so, What does the second commandment teach us to worship God in a proper manner? And to avoid idolatry.