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AMERICAN IDOL

Exodus 20:4-6

*“Do not make an idol for yourself, whether in the shape of anything in the heavens above or on the earth below or in the waters under the earth. You must not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the fathers' sin, to the third and fourth [generations] of those who hate Me, but showing faithful love to a thousand [generations] of those who love Me and keep My commands.”*

Every family must answer two questions:

- Will my family worship the right God?
- Will my family worship the right God the right way?

I. A created “god” limits real worship. (v. 4-5)

It is easier to worship a god which you can see, than to worship a God that you cannot see!

- A. Idol worship – limits our faith in God.
- B. Idol worship – limits the God of our faith.

We elevate what we like about God and eliminate what we don't like.

II. A created “god” leads to false worship.

Idolatry – worship of a god that we created instead of worshipping the God who created us.

Present day idols:

- house
- money (Job 31:24, 28)
- possessions
- family (Matthew 10:37)

What is your idol?

- A. What do you love the most?
- B. What do you trust the most?

III. The Creator God liberates true worship.