**Scripture:** Deuteronomy 8

**Singing:** 349:1-4 – 38:4, 5 – 308:1-4 – 321 – 435:1, 2, 9

Intro: *The Sinai Law the foundational and fundamental law of all people!*

A. They are the absolute, eternal and revealed will of God for all people

1. The TEN are called the *base (apodictic) law*

2. The various applications in civil laws are like *case (casuistic) law*

**First commandment: Trust Me only!**

I. Why did God give this commandment? II. What are details?

A. What is God’s **basic intention** in His first commandment for us?

1. What it is not?

a. not a *fear to secure Himself the first place* (Is. 43:11; Jer. 10:3-5)

2. What it is?

a. to protect us *from hurt in following strange gods* (Ps. 81:10-16)

II. What does God command and by implication forbid?

A. God commands us *to know Him and to trust Him only*!

1. it is impossible to trust someone you don’t know

2. God’s will: *Know Me and acknowledge Me as the only true God!*

a. as you learn to know Him, the more you will trust Him

b. none honored the 1st better than Jesus(Matt. 4:1-11)

B. God commands us *worship and glorify Him* as the only God

1. Worship is far more than *attending a church service*

2. Heart of worship is the worship with the heart

a. to stand in awe of Him

b. to chose Him above all others

c. to place our hope in Him alone

d. to serve Him joyfully and submit to Him

e. to humble ourselves under His mighty hand

f. to devote all talents to Him

g. to be zealous for His cause and Kingdom

h. to wait on Him for direction/counsel

i. to delight ourselves in Him

C. What does God warn us to turn away from?

1. The follies of

a. *atheism: belief that He is not God for there are no gods!*

b. *animism: belief that nature things are God*

c. *evolutionism: belief that we are god ourselves!*

d. *occultism: belief that in spirits other than God*

2. The deceitfulness *of idolatry (materialism)*

a. idolatry: *defining our comfort and security outside of God*

**●** idolatry is far more refined than serving statutes

● idolatry is *substituting God with any type of creature to*

*seek our comfort and security*

b. some common examples of idolatry

● wealth

● academic success

● physical fitness

● sports and games

● Christian ministry

Close: Heed God’s Words in Deuteronomy 8

**Truths about Idolatry**

We are born idolaters. (T. Adams)

Idolatry is anything that chills your desires after Christ (O. Cromwell)

Anything above God is idolatry (R. Sibbes)

An idol of the heart is as offensive to God as an idol of the hand. (Tozer)

The essence of idolatry is holding thoughts unworthy of God. (Tozer)