**Scripture Reading:** Exodus 20:1-17 and Deut. 4:14-31

**Singing:** 309 – 266:1, 3 –291:1, 3, 6-9 – 213:1-4 – 425:3, 6

**Worship Me Honorably**

I. What is God’s intent? II. What is commanded? III. What is forbidden? IV. What will be the fruit of obedience or disobedience?

**Principle Two:** *The TEN are divided over two tables* (Matt. 22:37-40)

**I. What is God’s intent in the 2nd commandment?**

A. Keep reading each commandment *out of the law-giver’s heart*

1. The 2nd reveals *His tender care* for us and our descendants

a. How does a final apostacy always begins?

**II. What does God forbids in 2nd?**

A. The 1st and 2nd are related

1. In the first: *worship the* ***correct*** *God*

2. in the second: *worship the correct God* ***correctly*** *(honorably)*

B. What is the *correct or honorable way to worship the Living God?*

1. Without use of *any sort of images or pictures of Him* (Cat. Q. 98)

a. why did God give this direction?

b. God’s glory is fully ‘visible’ in Jesus Christ (Heb. 1:3; Col. 1:15)

2. Without making a ***mental image*** *of God that misrepresents Him*

a. easy to perceive God as a *caricature* (Satan’s strategy)

● Gen. 3:1-3; Ps. 50:21

● a misrepresentation of God *has disastrous results*

b. Examine your view /understanding of God’s glory

● is it with emphasis God gave Himself in Ex. 34?

**III. What God commands us in the 2nd?**

A. He commands us to *worship Him* ***appropriately***

1. Worship is far more than *gather in church*

2. To worship is *to do what we were created to be and do: image-bearer*

a. God’s commands in 2nd to *reflect Him daily as He is*

● compare Matt. 5:17 and Ex. 34:29

3. Such *daily worship* will overflow into the *weekly worship service*

a. central focus of worship services is to *be God Himself* (Bethel)

**IV. How God reinforced the importance of His comm?**

A. He stated that *He is a jealous God*

1. Though sounds *negative* it is *a positive revelation of His glory*

2. God’s jealousy **about His glory** is *perfectly legitimate*

a. None is so great – so good – so devoted – so glorious as He

B. God warns us about the *effects of misrepresentation of His character*

1. It will be felt/seen **unto** the 3rd and 4th generation

a. one step away from God’s character will be multiplied

2. Notice that Jesus’ anger twice was *connected to transgressions of 2nd*

C. Yet God concludes the 2nd with a huge encouragement:

1. He promises to *honor those Who honor Him*

a. see Deut. 7:9

b. ‘generations’ is *His nation – church* rather than *individuals*

2. He promises *mercy*!

**Reflection**:  *Do we love His Law as it reflects glory of our Lawgiver?*

Let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably

with reverence and godly fear:

For our God is a consuming fire.