

SOVEREIGNTY

You **shall not** make for yourselves an **idol** in the form of anything ... You shall not bow down to them ... I am a jealous God ... punishing the children for the sin of the fathers ... showing love to a thousand generations ...
(Exodus 20:4-6)

POSITION of God – transcendent
beyond the created universe

PRIORITY of God – Enjoyment
and use of creation is appropriate.
Worship and loyalty is not
appropriate. He is jealous.

ANCIENT IDOLS/IMAGES

- a) glorified creation rather than Creator
- b) used as an attempt to manipulate the Divine Power

**WHAT DO WE MAKE IDOLS OF ...
TODAY?**

ideas/perspectives
institutions/programs
works/deeds
activities/substances
“culture”/style
pleasure/power

To those who **pursue** glory, honor, and immortality, those who **persist** in doing good, God will give eternal life. To those who **pursue** selfish ambition, refusing to obey the truth, and **persist** in doing wrong, there will come the fury of retribution. (*Romans 2:7-8*)

Everyone **pursues** something!

Everyone **spends** the time,
effort, and resources of their
life upon something!

If your love/loyalty has gone to a false god, it has been **wasted**. If your pursuit has been the worship of “self”, it is **worthless**.

- The idols of the nations ...
those who make them will be
like them, and so will all who
trust in them. (*Psalms 135:18*)
- They followed worthless idols
and became worthless
themselves. (*Jeremiah 2:5*)

We pass the **consequences** of
our **choice** on to generations of
our descendants.

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