

**Sermon Notes**  
**September 12, 2021**  
*God Is God Alone!*  
Exodus 20:3  
Pastor Jeff Hinds

**Our Mission:**  
*Helping people take the next step in one's relationship with Jesus Christ.*

**Our Vision Statement:**  
**Connect:** *Connect through authentic community with other Christ-followers;*  
**Grow:** *Grow in one's personal relationship with Jesus;*  
**Go:** *Go and serve others sharing love and the gospel.*

1. The God of Scripture alone is to rule our lives. There is only one God; all other objects, persons, ideals, faiths, recreations, and icons simply masquerade as "gods." Foolish, spiritually lost, and/or disobedient is the person who allows anyone, or anything, to rule one's life other than God alone (Exodus 20:3; Matthew 22:37–40; Isaiah 45:21; 1 Corinthians 8:4).
2. The God of Scripture is God alone (Exodus 20:3; Isaiah 45:21; 1 Corinthians 8:4). Yet, humans are "idol factories" as we erect things, toys, passions, possessions, and even people, as pre-eminent in our lives. Whatever, or whoever, is most important to us is our "god." The One, true God of Scripture demands to be #1 in each of our lives (Exodus 20:3).

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**CONNECT:**

- How can you tell what a person is most devoted to?

**GROW:**

- Read Exodus 20:1–17. In verses 1–2 we read about the motivation for keeping God's commands. What is that motivation? Why is this significant?
- What is the 1<sup>st</sup> Commandment? Why would this be the "lead off" commandment?
- Idolatry is accurately defined this way: "Idolatry is a masquerade party where one dresses up a finite, created object, person, ideal, faith, recreation, or icon and deliriously treats it as if it is infinite." What are examples of this in our culture?
- Read Isaiah 44:9–20. How does this illustrate the folly of idolatry? What idols tempt those you know? What idols tempt you?
- In contrast to Isaiah 44:9–20, read Isaiah 45:5–6, 12, 17–19, 21–25. What are the things these Scriptures teach us about the Living God?

**GO:**

- List one idol you are tempted to follow and do the following:
  - Confess that to God.
  - Seek His forgiveness.
  - Thank Him for His forgiving grace.
  - Ask for His transforming grace to help you run from that idol!