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A Study of the 10 Commandments - Part 2

"Religious Idol!"

4 "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness *of anything* that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth;
5 you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the Lord your God, *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth *generations* of those who hate Me, 6 but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments. **Exodus 20:4-6 (NKJV)**

1 John 5:21 (NKJV)

21 Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.

1. The Rule!

Exodus 20:4-5a (NKJV)

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Deuteronomy 4:15-16 (NKJV) 15 "Take careful heed to yourselves, for you saw no form when the Lord spoke to you at Horeb out of the midst of the fire, 16 lest you act corruptly and make for yourselves a carved image in the form of any figure:

Ezekiel 14:6-7 (NKJV) 6 "Therefore say to the house of Israel, "Thus says the Lord God: "Repent, turn away from your idols, and turn your faces away from all your abominations. 7 For anyone of the house of Israel, or of the strangers who dwell in Israel, who separates himself from Me and sets up his idols in his heart and puts before him what causes him to stumble into iniquity, then comes to a prophet to inquire of him concerning Me, I the Lord will answer him by Myself.

2. The Reason!

Exodus 20:5b (NKJV)

5 . . . For I, the Lord your God, *am* a jealous God, . . .

3. The Punishment!

Exodus 20:5c (NKJV)

5 . . . visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth *generations* of those who hate Me,

4. The Promise!

Exodus 20:6 (NKJV)

6 but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

Colossians 1:15 (NKJV)

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.