



Sermon Notes

Topic: Choosing God –
First Commandment

Preacher: Ps Paul

Date: 23 February 2025

Bible Passage/s: Exodus 20: 1-5

Outline

- Surely we listen to the voice of true authority (v1)
- For it speaks of God's great faithfulness (v2)
- Even though we have a tendency to be unfaithful (v3-4)
- Because God heart is for us, we are His treasured possession (v5)
- And He loves to bless those that obey him as an act of love (v6)



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Small Group Questions/Discussions

The words of our passage are straight from God's mouth. No interpretation necessary. What does this tell us about the response required from us to his commands? There are disputable matters in the Bible; that can be interpreted in various ways. However, core biblical truth is always clearly defined. What is the core truth when it comes to the commands of God?

Explain why God bringing his people out of Egypt was great example of God's faithfulness despite our unfaithfulness. Why is humble obedience such a challenge for us?

We discussed human jealousy – where we want the life others have so badly, that we can often act in ways that are not God honouring. It was said that human jealousy is actually “Idol” worship, we make other things little g gods. Jealousy comes from a heart where we believe God is not enough. Do you agree with this statement and why?

Does it surprise you that god says He is a jealous God? How is His heart different from ours? Why does God get jealous? How does that make you feel ? God knows we will never be perfect, He knows we will often fall short, that's okay, but he still wants us to be loyal to him. What does that look like for you? Why is this such a challenge? How would you respond if a key person in your life was only loyal to you some of time?

God's promise to those who are loyal to Him, is that He will love them for an eternity. What is your response? How does that influence your desire to have someone's life? (jealousy) How does that impact your choices when it comes to loyalty to God? Are you comforted by the knowledge that God is a jealous God?