

# Putting God First Note Answers

Exodus 20:1-3

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**Main Point:** If God is not Lord of all, He's not your Lord at all.

## More Observations

1. Eight of the commands are \_\_\_\_\_, while two are positive.
2. Nine of the Ten Commandments are repeated or reinforced in the New Testament.
3. The commands are written as emphatic imperatives in the language of exclusive covenant \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Deuteronomy 10:5 tells us Moses eventually put the commandments in the Ark of the Covenant to be kept in the most holy part of the Tabernacle.

## Five Truths

1. God \_\_\_\_\_.
  - The name for God here is Elohim which refers to Him as \_\_\_\_\_, King, Judge, Lord, and Savior.
  - This name is actually in the plural form as a "plural of \_\_\_\_\_."
  - Many believe this is a reference to the \_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 1:26).
  - The word "spoke" means "to say or \_\_\_\_\_."
  - "All" these words come from God and therefore have \_\_\_\_\_.
  - They needed words to know who God was and what He \_\_\_\_\_ from them (Deuteronomy 4:33).
2. God is \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 2).
  - This is the name \_\_\_\_\_ which was how He revealed Himself to Moses in Exodus 3:14.
  - This title refers to God as the self-existent One who has no \_\_\_\_\_ and will have no end.
    - LORD in all capital letters is the name Yahweh.
    - This name for God is used over \_\_\_\_\_ times in the Old Testament, three times more than Elohim.
    - This name is also translated as Jehovah.
    - It was considered so sacred, when the scribes would write this name, they would take a \_\_\_\_\_ beforehand and then destroy the pen afterward.
    - This name was so revered it was only said out loud once a year on the Day of \_\_\_\_\_, and then only by the high priest in the Holy of Holies.
    - When it was written, the scribes used four consonants and left out the vowels, so people would not inadvertently hake it in vain: Y\_HW\_H.
3. God is \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 2).
  - Your God.
  - He has revealed Himself so we can know Him \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 50:7).
4. God's people are \_\_\_\_\_.
  - God rescued them before giving them requirements (Hosea 13:4).
  - Ultimately, it's not about what I do. It's about \_\_\_\_\_ He is. It's not about me performing. It's all about who God is and what He has done.
  - God \_\_\_\_\_ for me (1 Corinthians 6:19-20).
  - Whatever you declared as number two is the biggest threat to who is number one.

5. God' primary precept is \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 3).
- Right at the beginning, God make clear what is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - We must be at peace with \_\_\_\_\_ before our relationships with others will be right.
  - The *you* here is singular. God spoke to more than a million people at the base of the mountain not as a group, but to \_\_\_\_\_ men and women, boys and girls.
  - This is an intensely personal command from an immensely personal God.
  - The first word not only prohibits polytheism and idolatry, but it also commands reverence, love and worship of God \_\_\_\_\_.
  - The Almighty demands absolute allegiance and does not allow any \_\_\_\_\_.
  - The word "before" can mean "above, over, \_\_\_\_\_ or in opposition to" the face of God.
    - Before My face – in this sense, it means to have no other gods "in front of Me" or in My presence." Literally, it forbids us from bringing idols into the place God is worshipped.
    - In My face – When we don't give God our total and exclusive allegiance, it's like \_\_\_\_\_ Him to His face.
  - It's not that you can have other gods as long as God is your favorite. No other gods are allowed at all. There is to be no \_\_\_\_\_ for our allegiance (Matthew 4:10).
  - How we are to worship God alone (Isaiah 44:8, 45:5-6, 18, 21-22).
  - God doesn't want to be the chief thing in your life; He wants to be \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 6:24).
  - God will not share His \_\_\_\_\_ or praise (Isaiah 42:8).

### Keeping the Commandment

1. John Calvin referred to the human heart as an "\_\_\_\_\_ factory."
2. Some gods from the past which are still bowed down to today.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ – The god Baal represented power but was put in his place by Elijah on the top of Mount Carmel.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ – The idol Ashtaroth was worshipped through all sorts of sexual immorality. This god is still bowed down to today through pornography and sex outside of biblical marriage.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ – Mammon was all about materialism and money. Someone referred to this god as the "gift of grab."
  - \_\_\_\_\_ – Molech called worshippers to sacrifice their children by throwing them in the fire. Abortion, abuse, and neglect show Molech is alive and well today.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ – Hermes represented athletic prowess and sport and Nike was the goddess of victory. Many in our culture today are worshipping at the shrine of sports.
3. None of this is new (Ecclesiastes 1:9).
4. You and I are made to \_\_\_\_\_. If we don't worship God alone, we will find something, or someone else to give ourselves to.
5. All "gods" other than the true God, will ultimately disappoint us and eventually \_\_\_\_\_ us (Isaiah 46:1-2).
6. There is no God but one (1 Corinthians 8:4).
7. It's not a harmless thing to give your life to a false god. Behind every idol is an \_\_\_\_\_ spirit (I Corinthians 10:20).
8. God will gut your gods if you allow Him to do so (1 Samuel 5:1-4).
9. When we try to prop something up in our lives, out of love, God knocks it down and shows how \_\_\_\_\_ and lifeless it really is.
10. You don't have to get rid of them on your own; in fact, you can't because they're too \_\_\_\_\_.
11. Instead of repenting, the people simply \_\_\_\_\_ the Ark of the Covenant.
  - They found it more convenient to get \_\_\_\_\_ of God than to throw their dismantled deity away.

- Instead of allowing God to get rid of the gods in your life, you look for ways to shut God down and tune Him out.

### **Questions to Identify False Gods in Your Life**

1. Do I love or treasure anything or anyone more than God?
2. Do I prioritize anything or anyone before God?
3. Does anything bring me more pleasure than the things of God?
4. Do I place my identity in anything over my status as a child of God?
5. Do I look to anything or anyone to meet my needs instead of God?
6. Do I seek fulfillment or satisfaction from anything outside of God?
7. Do I seek comfort outside of God?

### **Choose for Yourself**

1. The breaking of this first command is very serious business.
  - Israel was exiled to Assyria, and years later, Judah was deported to Babylon.
  - We have all gone \_\_\_\_\_ (Isaiah 53:6).
2. God keeps \_\_\_\_\_ us even when we run away and fall into another rut. He has not left us alone (Isaiah 53:6).
3. To comply with the first commandment requires a definite and difficult choice to \_\_\_\_\_ every other affection (Joshua 24:14-15, 1 Kings 18:21).
4. The only way to be delivered from worshipping other gods is to love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength, trust fully in His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, and follow Him the rest of your life (Galatians 3:13, Romans 10:4, 1 Timothy 2:5, John 14:1).