

# American Idols Sermon Notes

Exodus 20:4-6

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## Observations

1. The second Commandment does not forbid all works of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. This commandment is similar to the \_\_\_\_\_ commandment.
3. This is one of the \_\_\_\_\_ commandments.
4. This commandment is \_\_\_\_\_ the most in the Bible.
5. Most think this is the easiest one to \_\_\_\_\_.
6. God's people \_\_\_\_\_ this commandment throughout their history.
7. This is the only commandment with both a \_\_\_\_\_ and a promise linked to the breaking or keeping of it.

## Prohibition (vs. 4-5)

1. "Graven images" simply means " \_\_\_\_\_, chiseled, or cast" and has the idea of being man-made (Exodus 34:17).
2. At its core, the second commandment is a prohibition against creating something with your \_\_\_\_\_ or your \_\_\_\_\_ that either reduces or \_\_\_\_\_ God.
3. The true God of Israel has no \_\_\_\_\_ image.
4. This commandment is quite clear in forbidding the worship of man-made religious images.
5. Reasons for the prohibition:
  - Every picture or image falls far short of totally capturing God in His \_\_\_\_\_.
  - When you create an idol, you are putting yourself in a position of sovereignty \_\_\_\_\_ the deity.
  - Images, pictures, and statues put God in a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Because our hearts are idol-factories, we look and long for something to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - This command forbids inadequate images of God in our \_\_\_\_\_.

## Person (vs. 5)

1. This command is tied to God's \_\_\_\_\_.
2. It is also tied to God's \_\_\_\_\_ (Leviticus 19:4, 26:1).
3. The specific attribute God wants us to contemplate is His \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Jealous refers to "warmth of feelings or \_\_\_\_\_."
  - God has a burning, passionate \_\_\_\_\_ for His people and does not want to see us bail on Him or fall into disbelief.
  - He is fully committed to us and expects us to be \_\_\_\_\_ committed to Him (Exodus 34:14, Psalm 78:58).
4. He refers to Israel as "adulterous" people to convey they have been \_\_\_\_\_ to Him (Matthew 12:39, James 4:4).

## Punishment (vs. 5).

1. The word for "sin" is iniquity, which refers to something \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Worshipping idols is really a way of showing \_\_\_\_\_ to God.
  - Idolatry is a turning \_\_\_\_\_ God, a kind of perversion.
  - Aaron's two sons, Nadab and Abihu, offered unauthorized fire before the Lord and \_\_\_\_\_ came out from the presence of the Lord and consumed them (Leviticus 10:1-3).

**Promise (vs. 6)**

1. The blessing doesn't last just three or four generations, but for \_\_\_\_\_!
2. Why would we want to bow before an image of an idol when God delights in bestowing His steadfast love on those who \_\_\_\_\_ Him?

**Action Steps**

1. Surrender to God whether or not you \_\_\_\_\_ what He does.
2. Be careful about \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ against greed.
3. Eradicate all \_\_\_\_\_ from your life.
4. Become an \_\_\_\_\_ parent or grandparent.