

PRIORITY #1
Part 1 - Unique

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³⁴But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. ³⁵And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶"Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" ³⁷And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets." Matthew 22:34-40 (ESV)

I.

¹And God spoke all these words, saying, ²"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

³ "You shall have no other gods before me. Exodus 20:1-3

- **The UNIQUE GOD demands a UNIQUE PEOPLE**
²¹Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. John 14:21

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:12-14

II.

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. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or 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 the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. Exodus 20:4-6

- **The Unique God demands unique WORSHIP**
¹The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Psalm 19:1
- **...unique DEVOTION**
⁵You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God...

²⁵Because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen. Romans 1:25

- **...a unique RESPONSIBILITY**
...visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

¹⁸ Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. 1 John 3:18 (NIV)