

TEN

PERFECT LAW
PERFECT LOVE

WEEK 1

God Above All

NOTES

WARM-UP

- Who is one loyal person you know? Recall a specific instance explaining this.
- Which of your parents' or guardian's rules was most difficult for you to obey growing up? Why was it a challenge?
- Name a person in authority whose example and leadership you admire. Why do you look up to him or her?

WORD

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

The Ten Commandments is more than just a list of dos and don'ts that God gave His people during the time of Moses. We may think that these commandments are irrelevant or untimely, but we need to understand that God set them in place because of His great love for us. As we learn more about the Ten Commandments, we need to understand that the very first commandment has to do with who God is and His rightful place in our lives. In this lesson, we will look at three truths about God and our right response to Him.

1 There is only one God.

⁴"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ⁵You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might." **DEUTERONOMY 6:4,5**

As God's children, we must acknowledge that only He is God—no one else. There is nothing and no one else above Him. Just as He saved the Israelites out of Egypt, He also saved us from our sins. According to this verse, what is the appropriate response to the one true God?

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2 Love God.

For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. 1 JOHN 5:3

The proper response to God and what He has done for us is love—and this means obeying Him. Only He deserves our love and devotion. Why is keeping God's commandments an expression of our love for Him?

3 Worship God.

... *"You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve."* MATTHEW 4:10

The right response to what God has done for each of us is to worship Him. *Worship* is far more than just singing songs or praying—it is a way of life. We are to worship God in our lives by putting Him first in everything—our time, relationships, finances, and career/studies. How must we worship God? (John 4:24)

APPLICATION

- Is God first in your life? What wrong mindsets or beliefs are keeping you from making Him your priority? What specific actions can you take this week to put Him first?
- Which of God's commands do you find difficult to obey? Knowing that loving God means obeying His Word, how can you obey God in that particular command this week?
- Do you believe God deserves your worship? How will you worship Him this week?

PRAYER

- Acknowledge God's rightful place in your life. Ask God for a deeper understanding of who He is, and how you can apply what you have learned every day.
- Thank God for who He is, and ask Him for specific ways to express your worship to Him in all areas of your life.
- Pray that you would love and follow God faithfully and wholeheartedly, and that you would help others love and follow Him as well.



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