

Worship: Recognizing the Value of God  
Deuteronomy 12-13  
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**Purpose of the Commandments**

That God's glory would spread and cover all the earth

- Habakkuk 2:14
- Deuteronomy 4:5-8

**The Order of the Commandments**

*Commandments 1-4 - Your relationship with God*

- John 14:15 - If you love me, you will keep my commandments.
- 1 John 5:3 - For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.

**1st Commandment - You shall have no other gods before[a] me.**

"For when we cease to worship God, we do not worship nothing, we worship anything." -G.K. Chesterton

We worship what we deem brings us value.

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- Psalm 106:19-21

**You Shall Not Worship As the Pagans Do :: 12:1-4**

- Ephesians 4:22-24 - Put off/Put on

**The Place of Worship :: 5-14**

- Worship now - 5-7
  - The primary aim of that instruction was to link the worship of Israel with the abiding manifestation of God in the tabernacle.
- Worship in the future - 8-14
  - Not only were they not to do according to the Canaanites. They were not to do according to what they were currently doing. They were worshipping and living according to their own desires...according to what was right in their own eyes.

## **The Act of Worship :: 15-28**

- Food for eating now - 15-19
- Food for eating later - 20-28

## **Reiteration of Command Against Pagan Worship :: 29-31**

What Does This Have to do with Idolatry?

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God's jealousy and supremacy is highlighted

- Exodus 34:14

Further teaching on idolatry

- Ephesians 5:3-5 - Coveting is Idolatry...Why?
- Romans 1:18-25

## **Take Care That You Are Not Led Away From Devotion to God :: 13:1-18**

A. By False Prophets :: 13:1-5

B. By Your Family :: 13:6-11

C. From Others in Your Life :: 13:12-18