

Freedom to worship in spirit and truth

Exodus 20:4-6

The first and second command

The first command tells us _____ to worship, the second tells us _____ to worship.

A _____ of God is just as wrong as a _____.

The jealous God

God is not jealous _____ us, he is jealous _____ us.

Worship in spirit and in truth

Isaiah 40:18-20, 1 Kings 8:27-30, John 4:19-26

We are tempted to reduce God to an _____.

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Jesus suggested that even the temple would one day be too much of a hindrance to _____.

Still today, people have _____ of God.

J.B. Phillips' book, *Your God Is too Small*, suggests some false images:

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The true picture: _____.

Colossians 1:15-16, 19.

Home Bible Study

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Getting started

1. Was the sermon clear to you? Did you have any trouble understanding the second command? Did part of the sermon made you think?
2. As a child, what did you picture in your mind when you thought of God?
3. Does it bother you to think of God as jealous? Why or why not?

Going deeper

4. One of the truths this week is that we should get our image of God from God's revelation in his word. But God's word says that we may understand something of God's character from his creation. Read Romans 1:18-20. It seems that God very much wants us to know him. Why do you think that is?

5. What can you tell about God from what he has created in the universe all around us, including the stars and planets, plants and animals, the earth, and humans themselves?
6. Read Hebrews 1:1-3 and Colossians 1:15-20. These passages teach us that Jesus is the exact representation of God. Jesus himself said that if we saw him, we saw the father. What can you know about God through knowing Jesus?
7. Have you ever held false views of God? If so, what were they?