



Worship – Learning the Language of Heaven  
Idols – the gods we make

# Exodus 20:3-4

<sup>3</sup> “You shall have no other gods before me. <sup>4</sup> “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.



“no other gods before me”

No other gods IN MY  
PRESENCE...

“in addition to me...”

Not an issue of priority,  
but an issue of  
exclusivity...



A carved image

An image of God or  
anything else under  
heaven...

“You shall not bow down  
to them or serve them..”  
v5

God can't be  
**CONTROLLED.**



“Idolatry is worshipping anything that ought to be used or using anything that is meant to be worshipped.”

-Augustine



# A Jealous God

<sup>5</sup> You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God...

God desires our exclusive devotion.

