

Today's Message

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So Many "gods" . . . So Little Devotion

Deuteronomy 5:6-10

Introduction—Our shared longings: *identity, security, purpose, happiness...etc.*

What would you identify as your greatest "needs"...longings?

What are you looking to, counting on, to satisfy these longings? *Is God...really "enough"?*

Deuteronomy 5:6-8

The 1st commandment—God is _____,
without _____.

The 2nd commandment—God is _____,
without _____.

What's wrong with "idols"?

1- Idols inadequately _____ God's majesty.

- You can have ME!

2- Idols _____ God's Sovereignty.

- Idolatry is subtle—Looking to provided things, instead of the Provider.

- I Samuel 4—The Ark and Israel's fatal miscalculation.

3- Idols _____ God's love.

- Worship, devotion is at stake—Whatever we seek to meet our need, becomes what we adore.

- What do you treasure?

- Idolatry can be so subtle.

- Missing the Provider for the provision, the Blesser for the blessing.

- Romans 1

- Idolatry is a human problem

Deuteronomy 5:9a

- God is jealous for you.

- We are called to yield...to Him...to His love.

Deuteronomy 5:9b-10

* Future implications of our present idolatries.

1- Judgment

2- Promise

What are my..."if only's..."

What are God's "if only's..."

- Look to Me for *identity*

- Look to Me for *security*

- Look to Me for *acceptance*

- Look to Me for *love*

God's commandments are invitations!

- "You don't need idols...you need ME...and I'm available!!"—God

What SHAPE are my idols?

What do I spend my TIME thinking about? What am I PASSIONATE about?

What do I spend my \$ on...my LIFE...on?

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January 17 Delivering Your SELF (Philippians 1)

January 20 *In **Men's Catalyst**, Pastor Stephen unpacks this idol with men (Contact catalyst.hopechurch@gmail.com to RSVP)

January 24 Dethroning Your SELF (Philippians 2)

January 31 Discovering Your SELF (Philippians 3)

February 7 Delighting Your SELF (Philippians 3)