

Full Sermon Transcript:  
**The 2nd Commandment Reexamined A Correction in Doctrine**  
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Okay well, here in America we just got done with Thanksgiving holiday, and it was a very special one for us here locally having moved into the new church headquarters, a much better place, and we're really extremely thankful and praising God every day for this new place.

We got a lot done, but there's still a lot to do.

You know, the important thing is to just worship God anywheres that we are, amen, whether you're meeting together in a living room or a bedroom or a closet, out in the forest or in a basement.

It doesn't matter where we are as long as we are where we're supposed to be for that moment, and as long as we are worshipping the true God in the true spirit and in the true truth, amen, we can worship anywheres.

But with my calling I am supposed to provide a sanctuary for the gathering of God's people as He eventually brings people that we will be outgrowing the kitchen, will be outgrowing the living room, will need a sanctuary, so that's planning for the future, but right now the kitchen or the living room is completely sufficient and completely acceptable to our holy God in Jesus' name, amen.

We had a living room congregation when we first started this ministry in 2006, had that living room congregation for a couple of years, amen. And there's times that we used to meet in the public parks as well, we've done that, and different things, you know, different places.

You have to be able to adapt, amen, it's important to be able to adapt and not get too comfortable in one setting, amen. God is everywhere, amen, God is everywhere. And the whole earth is His, amen, praise Jesus.

So we praise God that we're in the new place, we praise God for the new updated Alpha and Omega Bibles, we also praise God for the evangelism that continues through the AOB Bible, through these sermons, through the website, through Telegram and WhatsApp and VK and Twitter and so forth, all the different channels we've got out there to try to reach out to the people, and the ministry is growing and more and more people are learning about the AOB, and I believe that every one of you would be totally shocked if you knew how many people are using the AOB Bible across the world, especially in the Philippines, especially I believe thousands of people, literally not exaggerating, I believe thousands of people in the Philippines alone, just in that one nation, are using the AOB Bible.

I'm continually finding more and more and more people on Facebook in the Philippines, especially even outside the Philippines, that are already familiar with the AOB Bible, even before they come into contact with me, they already know about the AOB and already using it.

It's really popular in the Philippines because that there's a lot of Jesus Name Only congregations there in the Philippines, Jesus Name Only and One God, No Trinity, there's lots of, they have thousands of members of the Apostolic denomination in the Philippines and they're using the AOB Bible.

Lots of different congregations in the Philippines are using the AOB Bible, and I believe we would be surprised if we knew how many there was not only there, but around the world as well.

We don't always have to see what God is doing to believe in what God is doing, and that's very important.

We need to remember and not forget it that we can't see everything that God is doing, even through this ministry.

I've said it over and over and over and over and over that you might not see the fruit of your labor until the next year or the next or the next or the next or even inside the Great Tribulation or even in the millennium or even in the hundred years before you see it, but once you see it you're going to be surprised how much fruit you did by once you see it you're going to be surprised how much fruit you did bear without knowing about it.

We can't see everything that God is doing. Amen. We're supposed to be people of faith that if we plant the seeds even

though we see visibly in front of us many of those seeds falling to the wayside and drying up or being carried away or whatever being sown, we have to be people of faith that there are seeds that are taking root even if we can't see them because God's Word will not return void.

If it's God's Word it's going to prosper even if we don't see it. That's part of being people of faith. Amen.

God praise God for what he's doing, for what he's already done, for what he's doing right now and for what he's going to do. Amen.

God's plan is perfect. We must trust God's plan and God's timing and that all things will work out for the good for those that are called and for those that are chosen and for those that truly love God that even the bad will work out for the good that God has a plan for us, a plan to prosper us, not a plan for harm but a plan to prosper us.

We have to walk through the valley to get to the mountain. Amen. Praise God Almighty in Jesus name. Let me drink a little bit of coffee then we'll go in prayer.

I'd really like to get a big thing of sweet, sweet green tea made today. It would be awesome if we could get that made honey. Brittnei sweetcakes, that would be awesome.

Let us go in prayer. Let us stand. Let us go in prayer.

Lord Heavenly Father, in Jesus name, thank you Lord for this seventh day of the week, this day of rest, worship and fellowship.

Thank you for getting us through this week. Thank you that a new month starts on Monday, the ninth month of the biblical year.

Thank you Father that we're so close to that date of Monday, the ninth month that you have preserved us this month.

You are faithful to finish what you have started in us and in your own work in your own church.

You're faithful to finish it. You're not going to give up on it. You've been working on your church for 2000 years or so.

You're not going to give up on it now.

You never gave up on Israel and we are Israel spiritually. You never gave up on your people.

Your arm is stretched out all day long, every day. Even to rebellious people, your arm is still stretched out.

Even when Israel fell away, even when we fell away, you gladly re-embraced us as the prodigal son.

You rejoiced when we returned. Praise your holy name. You are truly good and faithful. Father, we do ask for your special help, your blessing and your anointing on this sermon, on this message that we're about to receive.

Help me to deliver this message accurately, correctly, with your blessing, with your anointing.

May it penetrate the hardest and most stubborn minds, hardest and most stubborn brains, hardest and most stubborn hearts to change us, to align us, to correct us that we walk in your spirit and in your will and not in our own.

Deliver us from every misconception, from every lie, from every deception of the enemy.

We accept your blessing and your anointing on this. Your guidance and your truth, your word, your breath, the logos, we accept in Jesus' holy name, so dear. Amen. Praise Jesus.

You may be seated. We're going to get started here in a minute in the book of Deuteronomy chapter 4.

Verse 15 says, And take good care or caution to your hearts to listen and obey, for you saw no likeness, no exact shape of God, in other words, in the day in which Jesus spoke to you in Horeb (Sinai), in the mountain, out of the midst of the fire.

Lest you transgress and make to yourself a carved image any kind of figure, the likeness of male or female, the likeness of any beast of those that are on the earth, the likeness of any weaned bird which flies under heaven, the likeness of any creeping thing which creeps on the earth, the likeness of any fish of those who are in the waters under the earth.

Under the earth there just means not on the land. It's not in the center of the earth.

It's not what it's talking about. Verse 19, lest or unless, having looked up, it's not unless, but I can't think of the word it really is, having looked up in the sky and having seen the sun and the moon and the stars and all the heavenly bodies, that you should go astray and worship them and serve them, which Jesus your Theos has distributed to all the nations under heaven.

Now this seems extremely clear-cut. Any type of image of anything in the universe, in outer space and on earth and in the oceans, anything, anywhere is forbidden.

Any type of image. Now it wouldn't be just only carved images, but in that day and time that's all there was is carved images because they did not yet have TV, they did not yet have videos, internet, magazines, newspapers.

They would carve things in stone. They didn't have paper like we have it today. So that dealing with what we do have today, that we do have all those things I just listed, it would be the same.

It doesn't matter if it's carved or not. The point is, God doesn't really want lawless people, disobedient people, lost people to have any image of anything unless, I mean not unless, I wish I could think of that right word there to use.

So that because of that they are at great risk of of worshiping those things because we're created to worship.

We are worshipers. Worship is natural to us because we are created for his glory, to worship. Amen.

I've got to get a bookmark right here before I lose my place. And let's look at, we know that this really due to monetary, that word due to monetary means a repeat of the law.

So it's repeating something already previously declared. So let's go back to that in Exodus 20.

Now let's just start at verse one, page 67 in the one volume edition, Exodus 20 verse 1.

And Jesus spoke all these words saying, I am Jesus your Theos who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

You should have no other gods beside me. You should not make yourself idols. It looks like there's a period and a comma above. So that needs to be fixed to just a comma, nor likeness of anything.

Whatever things are in the heaven above, meaning the universe, the sky, and whatever are in the earth beneath and whatever are in the waters under the earth sounds very similar to the repeat of the law and due to monetary for, but it does use the word idol here.

So that's important in the context and also the context of the first commandment have no other gods.

The purpose or the spirit of this law is that God does not want us worshiping anything, anyone but him.

Verse five, you shall not bow down to them nor serve them for I am Jesus your Theos, the almighty alpha, am jealous.

He's like a jealous husband that a jealous husband does not want his wife looking at another man. He doesn't, right?

Amen.

Now something we've got to also realize about the word jealous is that jealousy belongs to a man, not a woman, because there's something about and I've got to look it up again, find that again somewhere.

Hopefully I've not lost it, but I could do the research again if necessary, but the word jealousy is related somehow some way to the fact that that to be jealous you have to own it.

It's related to how you might lose it. You have to own it to be jealous. It must belong to you. A woman belongs to the husband, absolutely, biblically.

The woman does not own her husband. Now by nature, because we're all born in sin, women are jealous because it's part of the following nature, but it's not by God's design or perfect design, his perfect will, that women be jealous of their husbands because they have no ownership of their husbands, but it is by God's perfect will and perfect design that the husband be jealous because he does have the ownership.

Of the wife, even though women today in modern western society, which is worldwide now, modern western society is the entire world now, don't like those words, but it is biblical.

God is the jealous husband that owns us, and when we look at other, what we call other gods, in a way of admiration, if we're looking at a statue of Mary in a way that is admiring admiring Mary herself on a religious level, on a religious level, not just admiring that she was a good woman, that she was chosen of God, that she was the mother of Jesus, but going beyond that to actually plan to her and believing that her statues literally cry and literally bleed and that this is God working and all that crap, that's idolatry, and that's the level of admiration that goes beyond admiration and is worshiped, and that's your typical average Catholic and Lutheran.

So that would be forbidden. Amen. But we must consider all scripture, everything, in every book of the Bible, every chapter of the Bible, all of it must be considered.

So let us look at some other things here. Look at some other things here. Now let's look at Numbers 21. The book, I think, is before Deuteronomy.

Is that right? Page 118 in the brand new 1 volume. That would be the page number in the new 1 volume. Numbers 21.

And let's start in verse 4. And having departed from Mount, we need to double check on that to make sure you make a

note.

It should be the mount, the mountain, or it should name the mountain, one or the other.

Mount Or (Mount Hor).

Hor, by the way, leading to the Red Sea. They compassed the land of Edom and the people lost courage, by the way, and the people spoke against Theos and against Moses, saying, Why is this?

Why have you brought us out of Egypt to kill us in the desert? For there is no, there is not bread nor water, and our soul loathes the light's bread.

Now, when Jesus sent among the people deadly serpents, snakes, and they bit the people.

Now, Jesus is the one that sent these snakes as a punishment for them speaking against both him and against Moses, his messenger.

And notice they really had plenty of food. They wasn't starving. They had lots of this manna and quail, but they were complaining about what they had.

They wanted something different. Amen. We need to be thankful for what God gives us. Amen.

That should be a lesson in itself, because we're not always and forever going to be able to go to Walmart and get everything, anything that we want.

We need to be able to learn to appreciate what we have.

Verse 6, And Jesus sent among the people deadly serpents, and they bit the people, and many of the people of Israel died.

And the people came to Moses and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken against Jesus and against you.

Pray therefore to Jesus and let him take away the serpents from us. And Moses prayed to Jesus for the people.

And Jesus said to Moses, make you a serpent that would be a statue of a serpent and put it on a signal staff, like a flagpole, and it shall come to pass that whenever a serpent shall bite a man, ever one so bitten that looks upon it, that pole with a snake on it shall live. Amen.

Verse 9, And Moses made a serpent of brass, that would be a statue made out of brass, and put it upon a signal staff, and it came to pass that whenever a serpent bit a man, that he looked on the brazen serpent, and he lived. Amen.

We do know that that is the original origin of the medical symbol. The snakes had been sent as punishment for the people's sins. Therefore, to see a snake on a pole symbolized and foreshadowed the consequences of our sins being erased by the blood of Jesus upon the death stake.

However, the wings at the top of the pole was later added to the symbol, thus defiling the symbol.

Pagans have copied the holy symbol and defiled it even more, but the real origin is this event in the book of Numbers. Amen.

It shows our heritage that they use a version of that symbol on the amulets.

Yes. God is good. So here is an example of where it was not seen to have a carved image of a thing, and think about it. It's a snake, and we think we normally typically think of snakes as being an evil symbol, but they were not worshiping this image, and it was by God's command that this image be created, and Moses did create it, or he had someone to create it for him and for the people.

We must also remember that in God's temple, both the first temple, the Solomon built, as well as the second temple built in the time of Nehemiah and Ezra, that in God's temple there was carved, engraved images of angels, lions, and ox, oxen, all three, also by God's command, and God did not want people coming into the temple worshiping these statues of angels and ox and lions, but the people were coming into the temple were coming into the temple to worship God. Amen.

Now we've always said that those examples of the temple and the serpent pole, that these were by the command of God, therefore we should not have carved images unless God commands us to have a carved image.

I am now updating and changing our official doctrine on that issue. Because let's look at another event in the book of 1 Kings chapter 10 verse 18.

And the king, talking about Solomon, made a great ivory throne.

This would be in his palace, that's his private residence with his wives, this is not God's temple, this is Solomon's home, his palace, that he had a great ivory throne, and that word guided, we need to change that, guilt it, we'll change it to the word covered, covered with pure gold.

All these edits, everything I'm talking about being changed today, everything has to be sent to me because I don't have any of these changes, none of the changes I've mentioned yet have been written down.

Verse 19 of the throne had six steps and calves or oxen in bode relief to the throne behind it and side pieces on either hand of the place of the seat and two lions standing by the side pieces.

Verse 20 and 12 lions standing there on the six steps on either side and it was not done so in any other kingdom.

Now that word calves, I don't know for sure if it's talking about oxen or if it's talking about furniture, I want to double check on that if it's really oxen.

Okay, I want to double check that just to be for sure. But there's definitely 14 total lions, 2 and 12 lions.

Again, this is not the temple and because it was not the temple, it was not by God's command.

What was built in the temple was God's command. What was built in Solomon's own private residence was not, as far as we know, was not dictated by God.

It was not dictated by God. It was not was not dictated by God the design and what would be in inside of it.

That would be Solomon's own choice. Now a lot of people would say, but Solomon fell away from God through idolatry, through worshipping Easter and lots of other gods, false gods.

Yes, but this was extremely early. That was way, way, way, way before Solomon fell away, way before.

This is very early on. This is the timing when God is actually using Solomon and Solomon is obeying God, the timing of the building of the first temple.

So to try to say that Solomon fell away from God is taking this verse out of context because that happened much later on.

I don't know how much later on, but at this particular point of his life, he is following and obeying God and God is using him in great ways.

The building of his temple and the building of God's temple. So this was not by God's command.

We don't see any proof that at this time Solomon was actually worshipping any false gods at this time of his life or worshipping the statues or any such thing.

Recently, locally, we went to a local dinosaur museum where they had found a wall of fossils of, what did they find up there?

Tapirs, which looked like an ancient pig and what else? There was like a mountain cat.

Weird type of bear, giant bear. Like an ancient bear. A bear that looked like a pit bull in the face of a bear. And different things, but they're calling these dinosaurs.

And on the outside of the museum, they had statues of dinosaurs to advertise the museum, what's on the inside of it.

And they had little concrete or brick turtles on the outside around a water pond.

And you would commonly see when people have a water pond at a business or even at their home, that they have little turtles as part of the decoration.

I really don't believe that it's wrong for the dinosaur museum to have statues of ancient animals.

They're using it not for worship and not in a religious context and not in a spiritual context, not in idolatry, not to provide a place for people to pray.

These are evolutionists. They don't even believe in God. They don't even believe in religion. It's not a spiritual context. It's not a spiritual context. It's not a religious context, but rather it is a teaching tool and advertisement for the museum, which both of those are acceptable, is not sinful.

In our yard here, we have a birdbath. And on the side of that birdbath is carved in the base of that birdbath a squirrel climbing it.

I don't believe that that's a sinful thing.

I brought that birdbath over here from the old place knowing that it has a squirrel on it.

But I didn't leave it behind. I did not destroy it. I did not throw it away. I brought it here.

I don't feel any condemnation about that. We must consider that that why God made the second command is because he does not want people worshiping any other gods.

It's really an extension of the first commandments. If you think about it, in the scriptures, those commandments are not numbered.

It doesn't tell you this is the first commandment, thus, thus, thus. This is the second commandment, da, da, da, da, da. This is the third commandment, da, da, da, da. It doesn't do that. Although there is another, there is one verse in the entire Bible somewhere that does call it the tenth commandment.

But really, the second commandment is an extension of that first commandment. You should have no other gods.

Therefore, don't build gods. Don't make gods. Don't make idols to worship. That's what's really going on there.

But then you get to Deuteronomy. It leaves that explanation out because the people who are in the wilderness for those 40 years are very wicked, very rebellious, unfaithful to God.

Speaking evil of God, speaking evil of his messenger, they're lawless people. So, when the law is repeated and Deuteronomy, it doesn't say that you can have it if under the right context, but it just makes a blanket statement. Don't do it, period. Don't have any images of anything.

That was necessary for that crowd, for that congregation, which the Bible actually calls which the Bible actually calls a congregation.

The Apostle Paul had to send letters of correction dealing with each individual congregation, the congregation in the town of Corinth, the congregation in the town of Epitaphs, and so forth, dealing with the problems at hand at that day, in that time, for those people in that city.

And one of those problems was women talking too much during the worship service. And another problem was the women wearing fancy clothes and trying to impress one another with those clothes, but he included braided hair.

It's not wrong for a woman or a man, either one, to have hair that is braided. It's not wrong, and it's not even listed in the law, in the Torah, in the Old Testament as being against God's law.

But Paul, knowing that particular congregation, of Corinthian, of the Corinthian town, Corinth, that the women had that problem.

So he had to deal with that congregation different than he could have dealt with a different congregation.

And God himself adapts and changes his law over time for different people.

We know that by the law, Hosea, or rather, let me back up, we know that by the law, that God doesn't want men marrying and living with and taking care of every day women that are promiscuous with multiple men. That's not right. Women should not be promiscuous with multiple men, and a man marry her because that would be the coolest if she's going to be cheating on him.

But God told Hosea to marry, to take care of, to live with, to cohabitate with a promiscuous woman.

But it wasn't a sin for Hosea to do that. What might be a sin for one person is not necessarily a sin for another person, depending on your calling, the path God has chosen for you and God's purpose in it.

We think about the Sabbath commandment. In the Sabbath commandment, originally, in Exodus 20, the only thing we read about is us needing to work six days a week, then resting and worshiping and a commanded assembly together on the Sabbath day.

But then you get into the other books of the Torah that tells you you can't light a match, that you can't gather sticks, you can't build a fire, you can't do this, you can't do that on the Sabbath.

That's extra rules, extra regulations, extra law added on to the original law because the people were out of control.

You think about how the Bible says that God really did not even want the animal sacrifices and so forth, but those laws were added on to the original law because how the people were out of control and needed extra rules, even as a teacher, if you think of a school class, that there's already rules in place.

There's going to be rules no matter what, but if that class or even one person in that class is unruly, out of control, disrespectful, then more rules will be added by that teacher or by that school district or by that principal because of that one student or two or three or more students, and especially if the whole class is unruly, out of control, disobedient, rebellious. Amen.

The class of God, God's class, God's congregation, God's nation was rebellious. More law had to be added.

And at certain times those laws can be loosened, and at certain times in the Scripture we see that God added on to clean and unclean meats that was not originally part of the Ten Commandments, that was not originally part of God's law, but it was added on.

And then when they came off the Noah's Ark, it was removed and added on again. By different times in history, it was added on again and taken off again, different times.

We don't know for how long it was part of the law in Noah's day, but we know it was intact as part of the law when they entered the Ark and then removed when they came off the Ark.

That's for sure. We know that for sure from Scripture. And then later on in Moses' day, it was added back on, and then even while Jesus was still alive, Jesus did away with it, even before he died, even before the crucifixion.

We know for sure after the crucifixion, we definitely know that in Peter's lifetime, in that day and time in Acts 10, that the unclean laws, rules, laws, are not intact.

We must also consider that many times, Jesus taught me different things, doctrines, revelations, by me watching movies on the television, sharing those movies with people that I was teaching, using movies, which are images, using that as a tool, a teaching tool.

And God blessed and God anointed those teachings and revealed and taught me things in those movies multiple times. For example, he used the movie named Powder to teach me and the church, you, that at the first resurrection, even though they were turned to spirit, will be first raised in the flesh, for we don't know whether it's half a second or a full second or how many seconds, but that would be temporarily or extremely short period of time raised in the flesh with a new body out of the grave if we are dead, and then turned into spirit as we ascend into heaven at the first resurrection. Jesus used that movie to teach me that, but it's biblical. We must also consider 1 Timothy, let's turn there, 1 Timothy chapter 1, 769, ok thank you.

First Timothy chapter 1 verse 8: But we know that the law is good if one uses it lawfully, realizing the fact that the that law is not made for a righteous person, but for those who are lawless and rebellious. For the ungodly and sinners. For the unholy and profane. For those who murdered their fathers or mothers, and for murderers and immoral men and homosexuals and kidnappers, and liars and prisoners, and whatever else is contrary to sound teaching, according to the glorious gospel of the blessed Theos with which I have been entrusted.

This is the Apostle Paul writing a letter to Timothy, Timotheus rather, and Paul is not against the law. He believes in the law, he keeps the law, he keeps the holy days, he keeps the Sabbath, he believes in tithing, and so forth.

But he doubted a lot of congregations in that generation that were very, very, very legalistic—extremely legalistic. People wanted to hold on to the traditions of the old covenant law and all the laws that were added on to the law, amen. So, he had to deal with that, and that's why Paul, many times, spoke against the law. But at the same time, he often spoke on behalf of the law, in promotion of the law. He was trying to deal with it in balance. He was trying to have a balance and get through to a hard-headed people that he wasn't against the law.

What he was against was legalism—legalism, focusing on the law over focusing on the law and staying stuck in temporary laws that were loosened. Amen, yes, keep the Sabbath, but don't be afraid to stay warm on the Sabbath. Yes, keep the Sabbath, but don't be afraid to cook and wash on the Sabbath. That's what he was trying to get through.

But his letters were difficult to understand, Peter said. I'm sure at different stages of Paul's ministry, that he had to be more harsh and more legalistic himself in certain congregations and with certain people he was dealing with. There's one place in the Bible where he actually says that.

He said that in different—though as close as I can get it, but different words, he said something like this: “I am under the law when I am with people under the law, but I am not under the law when I am with people who are not under the law.” That's pretty close to what he said.

Some people would call him a hypocrite, or some people would even call him double-minded, because he's saying one thing and acting one way with a certain group of people. But then when he's with other people, he's saying and acting differently. But he's not double-minded, and he's not a hypocrite.

When he is with people that are very law-picking—Torah, Torah, Torah—then, to get along with them, to be at peace with all men as much as it is possible within us, and in order to relate with those people, he would find common ground and say, “Yes, I agree with this, I agree with that, I agree with this, I agree with that,” and we'll work together on this and so forth, in order to be brotherly with them, to use hospitality, and to be at peace with them.

Yet, when he's with people who are not very legalistic, he would be using, correctly and rightfully—not wrongfully, not sinfully—his liberty that God has given us, more freely. At the same time, there would be other times when he would need to set down the law. So, if he's with people that believe in mercy and grace and are not very legalistic and exercise the liberty that God has given us, while he's among them and enjoying that liberty, if somebody goes too far, of course, he would say, “Hey, you're going too far,” and he would put his foot down.

The same would be true with the other group that is very lawfully thinking. Although he's cooperating with them and agreeing with them wherever he could, there would also be times that he would have to put his foot down and set some rules of separation or division, and say, “You're going too far; you're being too legalistic,” even as he did to constantly repeat that we don't need circumcision, amen. He would write about this very often and very lengthily, especially in Galatians, to write very lengthily about that because of that particular congregation in the town of the Galatian population. That particular congregation, more than all the other congregations, wanted to stay with circumcision, and he had to put his foot down with those people.

But I guarantee you that with that same congregation of the Galatian population, he was in agreement with them on many issues so that he could get in the door, so that he could relate with them, so that he could witness to them, and find common ground. I guarantee you that he was very lawful-thinking and lawful-talking, except for putting his foot down against circumcision.

Pastors, just like God, as pastor is a messenger of God, must adapt and become more legalistic at certain points of their journey, with certain people and certain congregations. Yet, at the same time, there are other times when they must say, “We're going too far, we've been too legalistic,” or, “I'm changing this,” or, “We need to adapt or go in a different direction.” That's not being double-minded. That's not being a hypocrite. It's seeing the need at that time for those people.

If I see the congregation becoming too legalistic, then I want to step back and say, “We're being too legalistic. Let's loosen the law, let's refocus, let's realign, let's adjust, let's change things so that we are not too legalistic.” The same thing, vice-versa. There may be times—and definitely has been or will be times—when I say, “We're not being too liberal, too loose, and need more rules, more law, more regulation on a certain issue.”

And that's going to change with different situations, as we see different people come into the ministry, and as I see each person, how they react to our doctrines, how they react to our official doctrine, our official teachings, how they react to our policies and our regulations and our understanding of Scripture, and how they react to my teaching.

It's not necessarily that I was completely right or completely wrong. It's more of a situation where we must adapt according to how the congregation is reacting to the policies. Changes must take place. We must consider Romans chapter 8.

Romans 8, starting in verse 1, page 732: “Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the verdict of sin and of death. For what the law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did, sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin. He condemned sin in the flesh, so that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.”

Read verse 5 again: “For those who are according to the flesh, their mind is set on the flesh; they set their minds on the



things of the flesh. But those who are according to the Spirit, their mind, their thinking, is according to the Spirit.” They set their minds on the things of the Spirit. For the mind is set on the flesh as death. For the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace. Because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward Theos. For it is not subject itself to the law of Theos, for it is not even able to do so. For those who are in the flesh cannot please Theos. However, you are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit. If indeed the Spirit of Theos dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, of course we know that is the Holy Ghost, he does not belong to him. If Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the Spirit is alive because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead, dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you. So then, brethren, we are under obligation not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. But if you are living according to the flesh, you must die. But if by the Spirit you are put into death the works of the body, you will live. For all who are being led by the Spirit of Theos, these are the sons of Theos. For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, that you have received a spirit of destination as sons by which we cry out, Daddy, Father. The Spirit itself testifies with our spirit that we are children of Theos. And if children, heirs also, heirs of Theos and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with him, so that we also may be glorified with him. Amen. Christ Jesus. What he is teaching in his, his own special way, the way Paul uses a lot of words, what he is teaching is against legalism and thinking about the spirit of the law. And that the spirit of the law gives life as it does say somewhere in scripture. The spirit of law gives life. But the legalism, focusing on the letter of the law, focusing constantly on the ABC, ABC, this is what it says in black and white, that that is death. Amen.

We should not go overboard and say, oh well then, by the spirit of the law, I can choose my Sabbath and rest and worship any day I want to. And that would be twisting scripture. That would be rebelling against the Ten Commandments, against the original law, because the Sabbath is very specific to a day. Hebrews chapter four teaches us that, that the Sabbath is a day that is set apart, that is sanctified as blessed by God. We can't remove that sanctification that belongs to the Sabbath day and just sanctify a day of our own accord. That's rebellion against God. That's making yourself God. That's making yourself the God, the Theos, to say I would choose my day of worship. When I teach liberty, when I teach that we should not be legalistic, when I teach the spirit of the law, I'm not teaching that we're doing away with all law, which is hyper-grace theology, which is your typical average modern western false church. I'm not teaching all law is done away with and you can choose what law and you can choose what you want to believe. That's not what I'm teaching. We are sticking with the Ten Commandments that we must understand that the spirit of the law, the purpose of the law of the Second Commandment is in the context that God does not want us worshipping anything, anyone, other than Him.

But that the majority of mankind don't even know when they are worshipping something. The majority of mankind, lost and blind, walking zombies, robotic, they don't even know when they are worshipping a tree, when they are worshipping a tree, when they're bowing down to present gifts to the feet of a tree. You would think by common sense they would know what they're doing, but they don't because they're very, very deeply, heavenly deceived and they are deeply in bondage to false religion and they are brainwashed. That is the majority of mankind. Therefore, for the majority of mankind, if you want to teach people on Facebook, if you want to teach people on social media, if you want to make a video or a website or article teaching what I'm teaching, then what you should say is this. Everything in an image is forbidden to every one of you. Everything, whether it's carved or not carved, as Buddha Monarchy IV teaches. You should not have an image of anything, anything, anything, no exceptions at all.

Anything, whether it's carved or not carved, whether it's a video, whether it's a TV, you shouldn't even have a TV if you're a lawless person because you don't know what to watch, what is evil, and what's acceptable to watch. You have no discernment. You're not his. Therefore, you are subject to condemnation.

But when we're dealing with God's true people, when we're dealing with people that do worship the true God in spirit and in truth, that keep the Sabbath, that keep the Ten Commandments, that know the name of Jesus and use the name of Jesus and honor the name of Jesus, and have a good measure of discernment, logic, common sense, and truth, that they know Christmas is evil.

They know Christmas is an abomination against God. Same thing with Easter and Halloween, St. Patrick's Day, St. Valentine's Day, and so forth, that they are abominations against God, and God hates those days and everything related to it.

For us that have that basic understanding of all these truths, and we hear God, and God has given us common sense, and God has given us where we're not walking zombies, where our eyes are open, we know what we're looking at, that the squirrel on that bird bath, I'm not playing to it, I'm not using it, I'm not using it as an idol, an instrument to reach heaven, I'm not using it as ancestral worship, I'm not using it in a spiritual context, a religious context whatsoever at all, that squirrel, the climbing up the side of the bird bath, is not related to any holiday. It's nothing but decor for the yard, that's all it is, it's just a decor.

And if I was to make a little water pond outside, or even I found some water aquariums here in the shed, that the previous owners left, and they said I could have everything that they left, they gave it to me, everything that they said, anything you find in the house or the shed is yours.

I found three aquariums, and if I so choose, if I so choose to go to the pet store and get some supplies for the aquarium, and set one of those aquariums up, and if I choose to get a little miniature statue of a seahorse, and put it in the aquarium, that would not be a daughter tree for me, it might be a daughter tree for someone else, because someone else might have a seahorse picture on the wall, and seahorses on their shelves, and seahorses hanging on the front porch, and seahorses on the back porch, and books about seahorses, and so on and so on and so on, for that person, yes, it would be a daughter tree, because seahorses is their idol.

But for me, if that little tiny seahorse inside the fish aquarium was my only seahorse on this entire property, and I have nothing else dealing with seahorses anywhere in my entire property, then it would not be a daughter tree for me. Amen?

Now, a long time ago, a long, long, long time ago, I used to have a lot of Native American Indian stuff in my house, and I had dream catchers, and I had statues of Indians, and statues of wolves, and different things like that, because not only am I part Jewish, but I'm also part Cherokee Native American, Cherokee and Chickasaw.

A lot of people in this region right here, because all of this region right here used to be Cherokee Indian reservation, and even before that, Cherokee Indian land, before the government designated it as a reservation, so there's a lot of Indian heritage in this region, and of course, people do honor their history, their heritage, and there's nothing wrong with recognizing what our heritage is, where we came from.

History is history. We can't erase history. We don't have to erase history, but at the same time, it's important to understand that my forefathers were in sin.

I can honor and respect that they knew all the natural remedies, that they knew how to survive off the land, that they knew how to eat off the land, and hunt, and so forth.

That's something that's respectable to honor about our ancestors, but with those Native tribes, how they worshiped those animals, specifically, very heavily the wolf, it would be wrong for me with that past, with my forefathers having committed that sin, for me to bring a statue of a wolf in my house, as I did way back then, not knowing yet, being a babe in Christ, not yet knowing that that was idolatry.

I wasn't praying to it. I wasn't using it in a spiritual context. I wasn't using it in a religious context, but for me, it was still idolatry, because I was given too much honor to a pagan people in their pagan practices.

Their over-attention, their over-to-abundance of a measure of admiration for the wolf, was to the measurement of admiration that is no longer admiration, but is idolatry and worship.

And I was condoning that, not realizing what it was, not realizing that, not thinking about that.

But I praised Jesus, that someone did ask me to pray about it. They didn't condemn me. They didn't throw the hammer down on me. All they did was ask me to pray about those things that I had in my home at the time. And sometimes that's all it needs to be. And especially if it's the first time that we bring it up, we don't need to be hammering down and stoning people all the time, especially when it's the first time we bring up the topic. A gentle nudge, a very gentle urging for prayer or for fasting or for thinking or sharing a verse or something like that, or telling them, will you please read this article or will you please read this Bible verse or will you please pray about it, to give them a gentle nudge in the right direction. Using another example, that if I decided to build a water pond in the backyard or front yard, I could put little concrete turtles as decoration, even though they are engraved, carved images, God would not condemn them for me.

For someone else, God would condemn it for them. One particular person that comes to mind on the internet that does have, still yet, he's still holding onto a lot of that Native American heritage and way, way too much admiration and respect for their pagan practices to where he even named his land that he owns Turtle Island. For him to have a pond with concrete engraved turtle statues would be a sin because he's still in the bondage to the paganism and idolatry of his ancestors, of his parents, grandparents, whoever, however far he has to go back, their family sin.

But for me, even though I do have the heritage and the previous sin, but that was so far ago, that was so long ago, and I am so far past that. Now at this particular step, this particular junction of my journey, my spiritual growth, my maturity in Christ, where I am with Christ today, where my soul is, where my spirit is, where my heart is, where my mind is today, is no longer for me to do that, would no longer be a sin for me to do that. It might have been a sin for me 20, 30 years ago, but not today. So we have to deal with context.

We have to deal with the person, where they are in their life at that particular time of their life. Are they truly saved? Do they have discernment? How much discernment? How mature are they in Christ? And how likely are they to be legalistic? Because some people are more legalistic than other people by nature. So it is a variable situation. And we have to be careful about making blanket statements for everybody in every journey, every step, and every congregation. It depends on a lot of variables. Now, for everyone, for everyone no matter what, I don't think that God even condemns the lost for having like wedding pictures, vacation pictures. But even though He doesn't condemn them, it would be good if those same people would not have any images. Because if you tell a lost person, you can have this, but you can't have that. They don't know where to draw the line. So you have to have extra rules, extra laws, and even make that person over-legalistic on purpose. And apply laws to them that you would not apply to someone else. And that would be totally acceptable with God because He knows you have to do that to that particular person or that particular congregation or that particular group. At the same time, you could be much more loose, much more liberal with a different group of people. I do hope and I do pray that everyone understands. Now, some things are forbidden for everyone, even if we are saved.

Of course, we should not watch horror movies under any situation. We should not watch anything that promotes witchcraft or that truly promotes homosexuality. That doesn't mean we can't watch a TV show where there's a gay character, but it depends on the show about whether that character in that show really is promoting homosexuality or not. Just because they got a gay character doesn't necessarily mean that that is their goal. It really doesn't mean that that is their goal. It may be in many cases today, yes. In today's society, where they're really pushing homosexuality big time, then it's very likely. But that wasn't true 20 and 30 years ago. What is true today was not true 20 and 30 years ago.

Older people my age can testify of how dramatically things have changed in music, in TV, in society, in the schools,

how drastically things have changed everywhere you turn, everything.

It's like we live in an entirely different planet now than what it used to be. So how I would judge one TV show that's made this year would be drastically different than I would judge a TV show made 20 and 30 years ago.

I do understand that with certain TV shows, it was a plan on purpose to gradually introduce more and more wickedness very, very, very slowly.

Yes, certain TV shows, that was a plan, but that was not the plan for absolutely every TV show.

And the same thing is true about music. We can't just say we can't allow any music at all except for only worship music.

I've seen people on the internet that was saying that, that only worship music, and I know there's a lot of people actually that believe that, teach that, claim that, that only, only, only worship music because they're scared to death of anything else, because they know how the devil has defiled a lot of music and used a lot of music for evil purposes on purpose, and that was the plan.

But that's being extremely legalistic to take those examples and just make one blanket general statement that covers every song and every music and every singer and every band that ever existed and try to say we just can't have any music but gospel.

It really has to be judged per song. It really does, per song. Certain times you can say per group, and then other times you can say with a particular group there are certain songs that you can or cannot listen to.

Other examples is like the entire group, you can't listen to anything. That would be appropriate.

It depends on the group, it depends on the music, it depends on what the song actually says and what the purpose of the song is.

So in some cases I will say an entire band you should not ever, ever, ever listen to.

In other cases I would say for a particular band or a particular singer, there's only certain songs that you can't listen to.

It's going to vary on the situation.

Okay, I'm going to open up the chat room and also Brother Robert if he wants to share anything and if anybody has any questions as well.

The chat room on Mixlr, as well as anybody that has my contact information on WhatsApp or Telegram or private messaging, all these different ways of contacting me is available now for questions and comments and testimonies.

Alright, Robert, what would you like to share? Some good examples like using pictures and signs like deer crossing.

Yeah, deer crossing, road sign. That image is there for the purpose of protecting people, to warn people that there's a lot of deer in the area, so use caution in that area.

That's not idolatry. That would not be against God's will. That's a great example.

And then there's another one right here. We've got a little sign on the back door that says, "Beware of Kitty". And incidentally it helps to remember to close the door and not to let the real cat out.

Exactly. Yeah, we do have a little, I don't know what you'd call it, a carved piece of wood or plastic, whatever it is, of a little cat hanging on the back door and it says, Beware of Kitty.

I put that there so that people will be careful to remember not to let the cat out.

It's there to help the house, it's to protect my cat from getting lost. So it's not idolatry. Amen.

God did not condemn us for having that. Anything else? And then you think about other things where it's a difference, it's like a tool, like paints.

You could paint good things, you could paint bad things, you could just paint the walls a certain color.

Yes. There was a great example I came across recently, which was looking at these recent artificial intelligence models, so-called artificial intelligence, and now that one's where you can basically describe a scene and it'll generate an image to specifications.

And that would be acceptable under certain things and not acceptable under other situations, depending on what you want it to draw and paint and why you're doing it.

It's how you use the tool. How you use it, exactly. How you use a gun. How you use a knife.

How you use sex. How you use your words. It's how you use it.

The problem is most people don't have enough discernment to use it properly, and they don't realize when they're turning sports into a god, money into a god, a job or career into a god, a tree into a god, or a statue into a god.

Most people have absolutely no ability to make that determination. So for some people, we would have to put our foot down and say you shouldn't have anything.

Other people would just say you can have certain type of images, but not other types of images.

For certain times in our life, we can say to the entire church, don't have carved images.

That was my previous teaching. Now I'm loosening that because I was seeing that there was too much focus on that.

We was too legalistic about it. So I'm loosening that rule to where we can have carved images as long as it's in the right context and for the right purpose.

And then another category, real common, where I think it's probably on the wrong side of the line, more often not exceptional characters.

People put too much idolatry in fictional characters, idolizing Superman, which is a Christ-like figure, stuff like that. There's way too much emphasis in our modern western world on these superheroes. And we've talked previously about how a lot of the superheroes really are not acceptable to God.

I wouldn't say every one of them, but I would say the majority of the superheroes are not acceptable to God because they're God-like creatures.

They're God-like creatures and there's way, way, way too much admiration for them.

And it's contributing to the fruit of grown men acting like kids, wearing Superman on their shirts, stuff like that.

A 30- and 40-year-old man don't need to be looking like a little child, dressing like a little child.

So it's having a bad fruit for that person. It might be acceptable for certain people.

But when we're dealing with Superman, I think he's too Christ-like, too God-like.

And there's too many things about that movie. And there was even his dad's name or his ancestor's name was related to pagan gods.

So I think Superman is something that we really need to draw the line at and not be acceptable for anyone, anywhere, not even the true church, even with great discernment, because there's a relationship in that story of the family name that's written on the website somewhere about what that name is and how it's related to pagan gods.

Anything else? Thank you. Simon says that he and Sister Amelia, we are thankful for this sermon about the Second Commandment.

It reminded us on what it actually means. It clarified many things to us. That's good. Thank you for sharing that.

I'm glad that it has clarified things for you. I'm sure it has for others as well.

I hope so, that it clarifies things.

What I have said many times is that we should go around our homes, laying hands on the things that we have on the wall, things that are on the property, things we have in our home.

Lay hands in prayer going around the house as you touch each thing and ask Jesus, is this acceptable?

Is this wrong? Is this okay? And try to hear the voice of the Lord for yourself on it. Pray about things.

Take time to pray about things before you buy it. Be careful about buying things on a quick emotional spurge.

Go home and think about it before you buy it. You can go back to the store later.

If you still yet feel that it's okay and acceptable to have it, don't think that everything has to be judged within five seconds.

Take time to sleep about it, to sleep on it. Think about it overnight. Then make your decision. Slow down in your planning, your processing, your acceptance and your rejection.

Slow down, think and pray. Well, I don't know if the Internet is still connected.

I'm not seeing no one make a move in one hour. But Simon just had sent something, so it must be still connected.

So thank you, Simon, for sending that. That way I know that it's connected, that people can still hear me.

And I want to wait and see if anybody else might be in the middle of typing.

While we're waiting, I do want to say that, of course, we have the war going on in Syria now. I renewed fighting in Syria, major fighting, and the rebels were having amazing progress, gaining control over a very large city, as well as many, many, many small villages over a wide area in northwest Syria. And, of course, that is going to encourage greatly other rebels across all of Syria. And I did say months previously, months ago, that as Israel is having amazing and historical military victories against Gaza, against Hamas, and against Hezbollah, that Israel may become emboldened to attack Assad directly. Now, we know that they bomb Syria pretty much almost every day, but what I'm seeing is a direct assassination attack. But what I'm seeing is a direct assassination attack to annihilate Assad in their attempts, that is. And I believe that that day is coming, closer and closer now that we see the rebels having been re-equipped, re-gathered, united in major military campaigns and having great victory at a great speed. This is the most fighting in Syria for at least four years or more. Turkey is involved in it, and we have said many times over the years that we should watch developments with Turkey attacking Assad, as well as Israel attacking Assad, that these are things to watch for as possibilities of how it occurs, how it comes to be, since Turkey is a member of NATO. So it's very interesting that this is occurring as we get closer and closer to the end of 2024, as we're quickly approaching 2025. It's not going to be long until Purim in the month of March 2025. Very interesting, the new developments in Syria that we need to keep an eye on.

Also a reminder for Monday is New Moon worship services for the first day of the ninth biblical month on Monday. So please, if you're able to, join in live or you can listen later on in the day on the New Moon. Hanukkah coming up December the 26th. Hanukkah December the 26th through January the 2nd, those eight days. December 26th through January 2nd.

Anything else? I've seen some news articles claiming that the Sunni Islam nations like Turkey were also a part of the forces against Syria and Assad. Well yeah, mostly it is the Sunnis, not the Shiites. Because the Shiites is Iran, so the Shiites are not that much against him. But the Saudi Arabia and the Sunnis and the Turkey being Sunni as well. It's a division against the two major denominations of Islam.

Okay, let's see. I might have a message here. So it's good to hear from Gary in I believe it's Oklahoma, if I'm not mistaken. He says, thanks for clarifying this thorny, difficult matter. The second commandment can easily be directed to eliminate, he says, all video, movies, photography, artwork. Iconography is the heart of the second commandment. Setting up Theos or Jesus image to worship, pray and distract from his truth. Thank you, Gary. I'm glad to see that you're listening. I didn't know that you was listening. I'm glad that you're able to and I'm glad that you are. Very good to see you. Praise Jesus. He's got a copy of the AOB there. And I hope that this does clarify it for everybody.

I've heard it said many times over the years in false churches that why is a sin is a sin for everyone. And that's not true because everybody is on a different part of their journey. And some are more mature than others. And it depends on where you are in your journey, how much discernment you have and what God's path is for you. It really does make a difference. These are definitely variables. And we must go back to the spirit of the law, not the letter of the law, but the spirit of the law. Being careful to not be rebels against the set original law of God, not erasing the Sabbath, not erasing the Holy Days. Amen.

Another example I wanted to give, of course, one of the Ten Commandments is honoring your parents. And yet God would not want us to honor our parents if our dad was Hitler, or if our mom was the Black Widow, or if

our dad was the Antichrist, or if our mom was married to the Antichrist.

Then in those types of situations and other situations, you know, what if our parents was, a lot of different examples of very, very extremely wicked people like Lenin, Stalin, Mao, a lot of extremely wicked people like Bill Gates, George Soros.

In such cases, then there would be exception to the law to where you could actually publicly speak out in dishonor against your parents without God condemning you, without being his sin.

There are variables. Amen. We have to go by the spirit of the law. Yes. Think of one really good example of a person condemning their father, slash, I think it might have been a cousin of Osama bin Laden.

One of the women was one of the most outspoken people against that.

Yes. We do have many, many different examples throughout history where a person did eventually speak out against their parents because they needed to say to the public, my dad, my mom are wicked, you know, and that was good for them to make those public statements.

But in general, though, an average person with halfway decent parents, loving parents, even though they may be lost, but halfway decent, loving parents, then we need to publicly respect them and not speak evil against them in public.

But, you know, there are variables and everybody is different and everybody has a different type of parent.

I mean, most people have decent parents and some people don't. Okay, that seems to be it.

Doesn't seem to be any other questions and I hope to see you Monday. And if anybody thinks of any other questions or need counseling about any particular specifics that may be in your life and in your situation, feel free to email me or contact me through the website or however you may have available to contact me.

We're put on a song to take care of any audio delay and good to see Felicia in England as well.

And we continue to pray for Joanna and Monica, Sister Kiki and many other people around the world.

Can you continue to continue? Also Brother Jonathan, of course, needs your prayers.

I'm going to play that song, Amazing Grace, page three.

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