

New City Catechism: Question 8

Question: What is the law of God stated in the Ten Commandments?

Answer: You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below—you shall not bow down to them or worship them. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Honor your father and your mother. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not give false testimony. You shall not covet.

Exodus 20:3

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- I. Which of the ten commandments do you think our culture (broadly American culture) disregards the most?
- II. Which of the ten commandments do you think our culture (specifically evangelical church culture) disregards the most?
- III. What is the relationship between God's faithful guiding of the exodus recounted before the ten commandments (Ex. 20:2) and the following list of commands?
- IV. How do we balance the benefit of following God's commandments to all of society and the potential problem of forcing Christian morality upon non-Christians?

