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Exodus 20:1-17RG AUDIO 010413

We are all familiar with the Ten Commandments, but often we treat them as "suggestions" or "guidelines."

There is a reason commandment number one is number One. Gathered at the foot of Mount Sinai, just recently freed from slavery in Egypt, the Israelites needed to form an identity. They especially needed to form an identity as the people of God.

Egypt had many gods and God had warred with them and conquered them through the 10 plagues. The Israelites had witnessed this, but did they truly understand? Certainly they had a lot of "Egypt" still in them?even though they had been treated there as vile, contemptible slaves.

Number One refers to God as being God alone. In the Hebrew, this verse literally reads, "Do not put any ?gods' in my face." It might also be loosely paraphrased, "Get all those gods out of my face!" If they were to become the people of God and enter into covenant with him, they must get rid of all the "gods" they had been exposed to and focus on worshiping him?alone.

We must be careful to worship God alone.