

**Putting God First  
Stone Tablets in a Wireless World—Part 2  
Exodus 20:1-3  
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**Before we look at the preamble to the commandments, I want to share some principles put forth by Philip Ryken that will help us understand and apply them:**

1. Follow the \_\_\_\_\_ rule.
2. Follow the \_\_\_\_\_ rule.
3. Follow the \_\_\_\_\_ rule.
4. Follow the rule of \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Follow the brother's \_\_\_\_\_ rule.

**The Bible Knowledge Commentary calls the Ten Commandments rules of**

- (1) \_\_\_\_\_,
- (2) \_\_\_\_\_,
- (3) \_\_\_\_\_,
- (4) \_\_\_\_\_,
- (5) \_\_\_\_\_,
- (6) \_\_\_\_\_,
- (7) \_\_\_\_\_,
- (8) \_\_\_\_\_,
- (9) \_\_\_\_\_, and
- (10) \_\_\_\_\_.

*“And God spoke all these words: ‘I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me.’” --Exodus 20:1-3*

**The opening two verses of Exodus 20 are often-overlooked but are extremely important in establishing the context of the commandments:**

The first context is \_\_\_\_\_.

*“And God spoke all these words...”*

The second context is \_\_\_\_\_.

*"I am the Lord your God..."*

God's precepts are given to \_\_\_\_\_ us.

The first four protect our relationship with \_\_\_\_\_.

The next five protect our relationships with \_\_\_\_\_.

The final command against coveting protects us from \_\_\_\_\_.

The third context is \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery."*

The fourth context is \_\_\_\_\_.

*"You shall have no other gods before me."*

**The order of words in Hebrew is strong: "There shall not be to you any other gods before me."**

**Let's break this down a bit more because the phrase "before me" can be understood in two ways:**

\_\_\_\_\_ my face.

\_\_\_\_\_ my face.

**How we can start keeping this commandment:**

1. Let's begin with the \_\_\_\_\_;

**Here are some gods from the past that are still alive and well today.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_.

2. \_\_\_\_\_.

3. \_\_\_\_\_.

4. \_\_\_\_\_.

5. \_\_\_\_\_.

2. \_\_\_\_\_.

3. \_\_\_\_\_.

Here's a promise from the Lord: When we try to prop something up in our lives, out of love He \_\_\_\_\_ it down and shows how ineffective and lifeless it really is.

**Two questions that can help us determine how well we're doing at keeping the first commandment:**

The \_\_\_\_\_ Test: What [or whom] do you love?

The \_\_\_\_\_ Test: What [or whom] do you trust?

God is Lord \_\_\_\_\_ all or He's not Lord \_\_\_\_\_ all.