

Scripture: Deuteronomy 8 LD. 34.93-95
Singing: 355:1-3 – 335:1-3 – 248:1, 2, 4 – 435:1, 2, 9

Opening questions:

- A. What brings us deepest and most satisfying joy in life? (John 4:13-14)

- B. How is a relationship protected from breaking? (Hosea 2:13b)

- C. What is the significance of the two tables of the law? (Ex. 31:18)

First commandment: Trust Me only

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I. Why did God give us the first commandment?

A. God's intention in His first commandment for us:

B. God's direction is plain: *Trust Me only!*

II. What are details in what God commands or forbids?

A. God commands us *to know Him (better), so we trust Him only*

- 1. How possible is it to trust someone you don't know?

- 2. Why is growing to understanding someone vital for deeper trust?

B. The more you know Him, the more you will 'worth-ship' Him!

- 1. the heart of worship is *to trust and obey worthiest Being*

- 2. What is worship in the spirit of the 1st commandment?

C. What does God *forbid* for our own protection?

Closing Reflections:

A. Idolatry is not far and never far from any of us (Romans 1:25)

B. Idolatry is never innocent (James 4:4)

C. Idolatry is mostly subtle

1. work

2. (academic) success

3. physical fitness/health

4. sports/games

5. ministry

D. Idolatry danger increases in prosperity: Deut. 8:11-20