

# Prerequisites for a Prevailing Church



## Week 3 Prevailing Worship

**Exodus 20:1-17** (cf. Deuteronomy 5:6-21)

<sup>1</sup> And God spoke all these words:

<sup>2</sup> "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

**(#1)** <sup>3</sup> "You shall have no other gods before Me.

**(#2)** <sup>4</sup> "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.

<sup>5</sup> You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me,

<sup>6</sup> but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

**(#3)** <sup>7</sup> "You shall not misuse the Name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses His Name.

**(#4)** <sup>8</sup> "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

<sup>9</sup> Six days you shall labor and do all your work,

<sup>10</sup> but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates.

<sup>11</sup> For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

**(#5)** <sup>12</sup> "Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

**(#6)** <sup>13</sup> "You shall not murder.

**(#7)** <sup>14</sup> "You shall not commit adultery.

**(#8)** <sup>15</sup> "You shall not steal.

**(#9)** <sup>16</sup> "You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

**(#10)** <sup>17</sup> "You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

**WHAT CAN WE LEARN ABOUT WORSHIP FROM THE TEN COMMANDMENTS?**

1. God called His people out of a culture that was dominated by

\_\_\_\_\_ worship.

■ THE EGYPTIANS WORSHIPPED \_\_\_\_\_; HENCE, AARON'S ROD WAS ABLE TO DO MORE THAN THE COUNTERFEIT ATTEMPTS BY PHARAOH'S MAGICIANS.

■ THE EGYPTIANS WORSHIPPED \_\_\_\_\_; HENCE, THE PLAGUES AFFECTED THE SOURCES OF THEIR PROSPERITY (THE NILE RIVER, THE SUN, PESTILENCE UPON LIVESTOCK, AND LOCUSTS UPON CROPS).

■ THE EGYPTIANS WORSHIPPED THE \_\_\_\_\_; HENCE THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE PLAGUES OF BOILS, GNATS, FLIES, AND LICE.

■ THE EGYPTIANS WORSHIPPED THEIR \_\_\_\_\_ AND ANCESTORS; HENCE, THE DEATH OF THE FIRSTBORN.

**2. The highest concern God has for His people is their worship, service, and obedience to something \_\_\_\_\_.**

1. Have no other Gods – God wants first place in our lives
2. Have no graven image – don't serve the idol of "created things"
3. Don't misuse God's name – don't worship/serve the idol of hypocrisy
4. Keep the Sabbath – don't serve the idol of self-centeredness
5. Honor your parents – don't serve the idol of independence
6. Don't Murder – don't serve the idol of anger
7. Don't commit adultery – don't serve the idol of passion
8. Don't Steal – don't serve the idol of materialism
9. Don't Lie – don't serve the idol of deceit
10. Don't covet what isn't yours – don't serve the idol of discontent/envy

**3. God is a jealous God, not because He is insecure but because He knows that centering our lives on anyone or anything but Him will bring terrible disappointment and \_\_\_\_\_ into our lives.**