

# God-Centered Worship

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## Introduction

1. In the Second Commandment God prescribes how we must worship Him.
2. Our focus in the sermon is God-centered worship.

## The Idea

1. The Second Commandment addresses the public, corporate worship of the church – must be God-centered.
  - a. Worship is the covenant activity when God meets with His people in a special way.
  - b. Because possible only through the blood of Jesus Christ, our worship must be Christ-centered.
  - c. What this means for our worship is that God must be worshipped.
2. Because our worship must be God-centered, God commands, “No images!” (HC Q&A 96,97)
  - a. God forbids images because they severely limit and reduce His infinite majesty and holiness.
  - b. We need to hear this warning in regard to our worship – relevant today.

## The Elements

1. The Second Commandment teaches that God-centered worship is governed in style, content, and elements by the Word of God.
2. What are the elements that God demands in His Word?
  - a. Greeting, invocation and blessing.
  - b. Congregational singing. Ephesians 5:19
  - c. Congregational prayer. 1 Timothy 2:1
  - d. Offertory: giving in the offering is an act of worship. 1 Corinthians 16:2
  - e. Scripture reading because the Bible is the Word of God.
  - f. Preaching: Word of God addressed to God's people.

## The Reason

1. The reason our worship in content and form must be God-centered and from the heart is found in the command itself – God is a jealous God.
2. But there is also a blessing.