

Ten Commandments (Part 10)
(The First Commandment – Part 2)

-The General Obligations Involved in the First Commandment: monotheism; supreme allegiance; exclusivity

-Prohibitions: What is Forbidden in the First Commandment

WLC Question #105: *“What are the sins forbidden in the first commandment?”* **Answer:** *“The sins forbidden in the first commandment are, Atheism, in denying, or not having a God; Idolatry, in having or worshipping more gods than one, or any with or instead of the true God; the not having and avouching him for God, and our God; the omission or neglect of anything due to him, required in this commandment; ignorance, forgetfulness, misapprehensions, false opinions, unworthy and wicked thoughts of him; bold and curious searching into his secrets; all profaneness, hatred of God; self-love, self-seeking, and all other inordinate and immoderate setting of our mind, will, or affections upon other things, and taking them off from him in whole or in part; vain credulity, unbelief, heresy, misbelief, distrust, despair, incorrigibleness and insensibleness under judgments, hardness of heart, pride, presumption, carnal security, tempting of God; using unlawful means, and trusting in unlawful means; carnal delights and joys; corrupt, blind, and indiscreet zeal; lukewarmness, and deadness in the things of God; estranging ourselves, and apostatizing from God; praying, or giving any religious worship, to saints, angels, or any other creatures; all compacts and consulting with the devil, and hearkening to his suggestions; making men the lords of our faith and conscience; slighting and despising God and his commands; resisting and grieving of his Spirit, discontent and impatience at his dispensations, charging him foolishly for the evils he inflicts on us; and ascribing the praise of any good we either are, have, or can do, to fortune, idols, ourselves, or any other creature.”*

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| 1) Atheism (Psalm 14:1) | 4) Witchcraft (Galatians 5:19-21) |
| 2) Idolatry (Romans 1:25) | 5) Fortune-telling (Leviticus 19:31; 20:27) |
| 3) The Worship of Angels and Deceased Saints (Matthew 4:10) | 6) Superstition (Leviticus 19:27) |

-Obligations: What is Required in the First Commandment

WLC Question #104: *“What are the duties required in the first commandment?”* **Answer:** *“The duties required in the first commandment are, the knowing and acknowledging of God to be the only true God, and our God; and to worship and glorify him accordingly, by thinking, meditating, remembering, highly esteeming, honouring, adoring, choosing, loving, desiring, fearing of him; believing him; trusting, hoping, delighting, rejoicing in him; being zealous for him; calling upon him, giving all praise and thanks, and yielding all obedience and submission to him with the whole man; being careful in all things to please him, and sorrowful when in anything he is offended; and walking humbly with him.”*

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| 1) True Knowledge of God (Colossians 3:10) | 5) Submission to God (1 Peter 5:7) |
| 2) Love for God (Matthew 22:37) | 6) Trust in God (Psalm 37:3, 5) |
| 3) Fear of God (Psalm 33:8) | 7) Honor for God (Psalm 29:1, 2) |
| 4) Obedience to God (1 Samuel 15:22) | →What do you love? What do you trust? |