

Scripture: Deuteronomy 12:1-32 Lord's Day: 35.96-98 (#2)
Singing: 225:1-3 – 258:1-5 – 76:1 – 267:1, 4 – 395:1-4

Question: *Why did God create us in comparison with all other creatures?*

THE SECOND COMMANDMENT: TREAT ME HONORABLY! (2) I. God's intent II. God's command III. God's warning & promise
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I. GOD'S INTENT

A. God's law are the *rules in which our relationship with Him will flourish*

1. Who is 'our'? (John 1:12-13)

2. God's restored relationship with His people abides forever

3. Yet as in all relationships, sin brings harm and hurt in any relationship

II. GOD'S COMMAND

A. He commands us to *worship Him in an honorable manner*

1. He commands *how* we worship Him: Deut. 12:1-8; 13-14; 28:32; Jer. 7:17-19, 22-24

2. What is not according to His Word, remains unacceptable: Matt. 15:3-13; Mark 7:1-13; Mat. 23:16-33

B. What is the correct way to worship God? (John 4:24)

1. Worship Him **in spirit** (Ex. 33:18, 34:5-7)
 - a. why is picturing God so dishonoring to Him?

b. how did God picture Himself to us? (Col. 1:15; Heb. 1:3)

2. Worship Him **in truth**
 - a. mental 'images' of God are dishonoring as well (Ex. 34:7)

b. an unbalanced representation of God is dishonoring (Ps. 50:21)

3. Worship Me **in beauty of holiness**

- a. beauty of holiness (Ps. 96:9) refers to sacred temple (1Ch 16:29,30)

● **Calvin:** *The beauty of the temple is an expression intended to beget a reverential view of the temple, that men may approach it with humble fear, instead of rushing without consideration into God's presence. The clause which follows in the verse is inserted for the same purpose: tremble before his face, intimating that we should prostrate ourselves as suppliants before him when we consider his awful majesty*

● **Gill:** *In this and the three preceding verses there is a manifest allusion to the form of addresses made to kings in the eastern nations; who being arrayed, and seated in a majestic manner, with all the marks of royal honour and dignity about them, whom their subjects approach with ascriptions of glory to them; bringing presents in their hands, and bowing down to the ground before them, as the word for "worship" signifies; expressing the utmost awe and reverence of them as 'fear before Him, all the earth' indicates!*

Meditation: *How did Jesus keep the second commandment?*

TRUTHS TO PONDER ABOUT WORSHIP

True worship is to exalt God to His rightful place in all of our lives.

In our worship we should be filled with a sense of God. (Green)

By doing obeisance (bowing) we are learning obedience. (M. Henry)

In our most lofty devotion, we become unconscious of self
as we come face to face with the greatness of God.