

Ezekiel 14; Lord's Day 34
FAITH IN THE ONE GOD

- I. God is.
 - A. God is spirit, Who is personal, infinite and one
 - 1. As to His essence He is beyond our definition (cf. Job 11:7-10; 26:14; Psalm 145:3). Transcendent (I Kings 8:27).
 - 2. God is spirit - not a spirit, but He is pure spirit (John 4:24).
 - 3. God is personal.
 - 4. He is the Infinite One, unlimited in any sense: time, space, and ability.
 - 5. He is one in His Being and in all His activity (Deut. 6:4).
 - B. God is God, i.e., He is, always is - unchanging deity.
 - 1. He is good - infinitely so.
 - 2. He is sovereign.
- II. Forbidden idolatry.
 - A. The big idol is always self (II Tim. 3:1,2) - very self-centered, our perceived needs and wants and rights and happiness.
 - B. Idolatry is to conceive of other than as He has revealed Himself in His Word.
 - C. Thus idolatry is when we trust anyone or anything other than God.
 - D. Other violations of the first commandment: sorcery, enchantments, superstitions, invocation of saints and any other creature.
- III. God requires right worship from all His creatures of His most glorious Being for Who He is and for all He has done.
 - A. Man was created to have a relationship with God, so every human has a god.
 - B. Right worship requires right knowledge of Him, derived from what He reveals of Himself to us.
 - C. Right worship means that I trust in Him alone.
 - D. Right worship means that I submit to Him and His decreative will with all humility and patience.
 - E. Right worship is to expect all good things from Him only, for no one and nothing else can give good things.
 - F. Right worship is to love, fear, and glorify Him with my whole heart.
 - G. And right worship means that I am constantly striving to do only what the will of His commandments.
- IV. We receive great blessing in the way of obedience.
 - A. The worship of other gods results in discontent and in a slavish fear.
 - B. Those who believe in and trust in Jehovah have perfect peace (Isaiah 26:3).