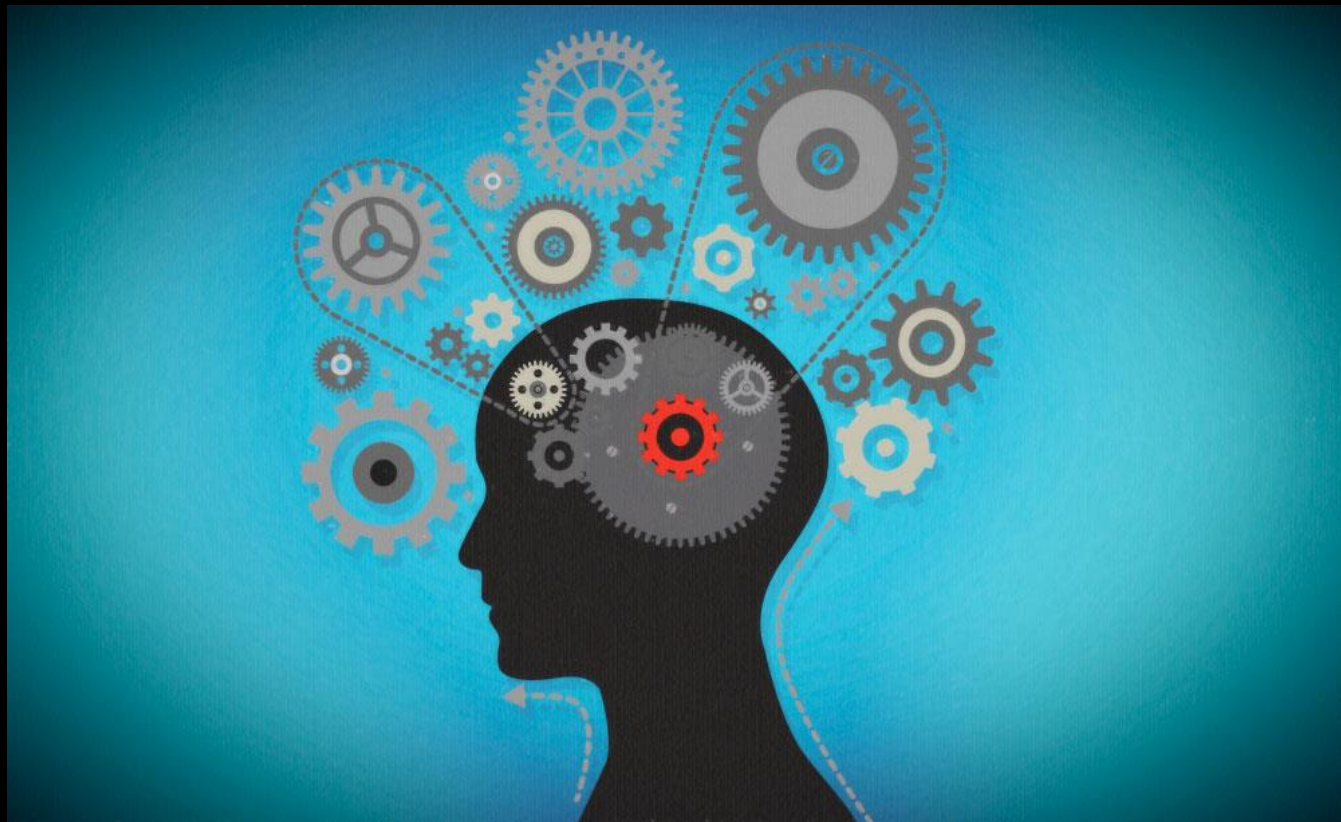


Exodus 20:4-7

True worship of the true God

I'd like to think that ...



Exodus 20:3,4,7

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‘You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, ...’



The First Commandment says
that we are not to worship
any false gods.

The Second Commandment says
that we are not to worship
the true God falsely.

God's people are prohibited from
worshipping their own perceptions
or inventions of him

The Third Commandment says
that in every aspect of our lives
we are to consider and live for
the honour of the one true God

Exodus 20:4-5

‘You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them;

...

Exodus 20:5-6

'... for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.'

- **What is prohibited here - and why?**

Exodus 20:2

'I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.'



Exodus 20:3

‘You shall have no other gods before me.’

Exodus 20:4-5

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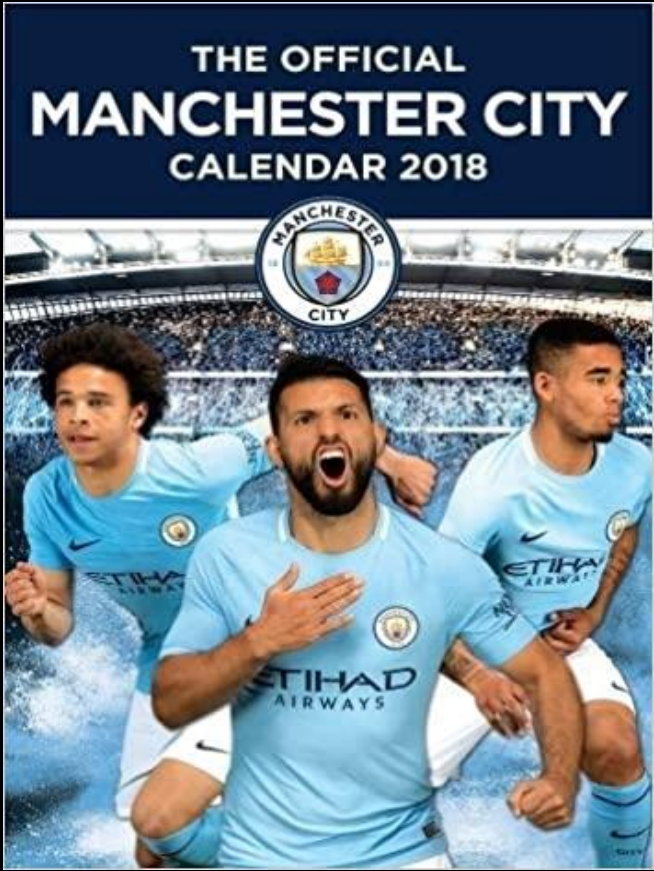




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Psalm 96:4-5

For great is the LORD

and most worthy of praise;

he is to be feared above all gods.

For all the gods of the nations

are idols,

but the LORD made the heavens.

Job 11:7-8

‘Can you fathom the mysteries of God?

Can you probe the limits of the Almighty?

They are higher than the heavens above –
what can you do?

They are deeper than the depths below –
what can you know?’

Exodus 20:5

‘You shall not bow down to them or worship them; ...’

Colossians 1:15

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.



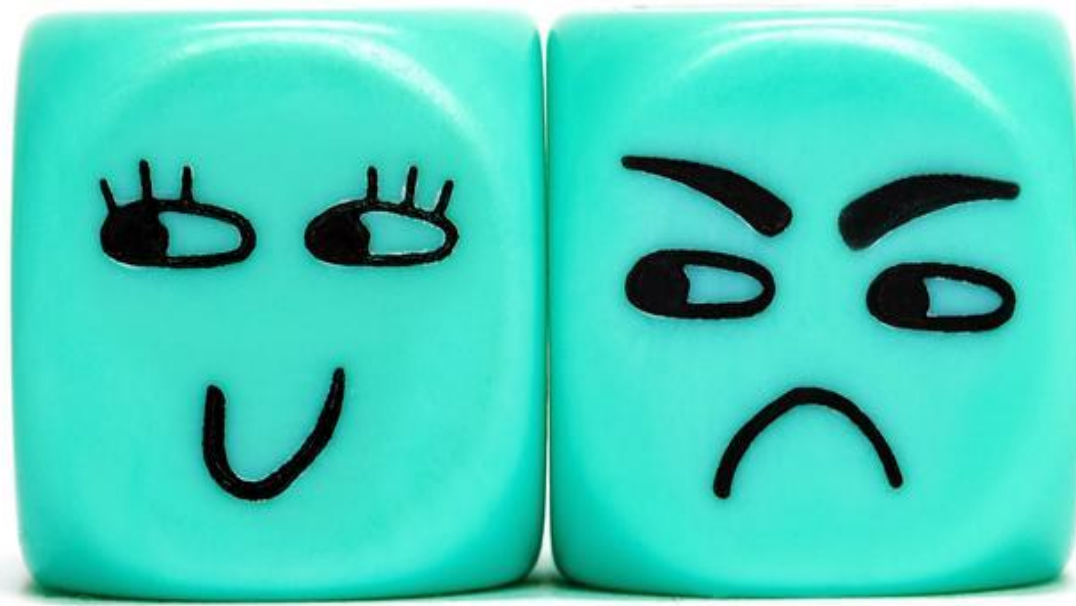




- **How can God be “jealous”?**

Exodus 20:5

‘... for I, the LORD your God, am a
jealous God, ...’



Exodus 19:4-5

‘ “I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. ... out of all nations you will be my treasured possession.” ’

- **Why do the ripples spread?**



Exodus 20:5-6

‘ “... punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.” ’

Exodus 20:5-6

‘ “... punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of **those who hate me**, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.” ’

Matthew 22:37,39

‘ “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” ... “Love your neighbour as yourself.” ’



Exodus 20:6

‘ “... but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.” ’

- **What sort of things must / watch out for?**

Exodus 20:4-5

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...

1 John 4:16

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.

BEFORE

AFTER



Worthily and delightedly bear the Name

Exodus 20:7

‘You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.’

Exodus 20:7

‘You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.’

‘You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.’

Exodus 20:7

‘You shall not **misuse** the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who **misuses** his name.’

‘You shall not **take** the name of the LORD your God **in vain**, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who **takes** his name **in vain**.’

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- **The name**

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Colossians 3:17

[W]hatever you do,
whether in word or deed,
do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus ...

Exodus 20:7

'You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, ...

Exodus 20:7

‘You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, ...’



**Representing the
Lord Jesus Christ**



**Representing the
Lord Jesus Christ**



?~Exodus 20:7~?

'You shall not **carry around with you**
the name of the LORD your God in vain,
'
...

Matthew 28:19

‘[Go] and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the **name** of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ...’







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Matthew 1:21

‘[Y]ou are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.’

Isaiah 55:6-7

Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call on him while he is near.

Let the wicked forsake their ways
and the unrighteous their thoughts.

Let them turn to the LORD, and he will have
mercy on them,

and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

