

**Exodus 20:3-6**  
**Living Free: The Source of Love**

**1. ALL of Their Wanderings were going to be over**

A. Home

I will bring you to the land which I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and I will give it to you for a possession; I am the Lord."-Exodus 6:8 NASB

B. Freedom from the search

And He said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.'-Matthew 22:37 NASB

C. Freedom from the slavery to other gods

With what shall I come to the Lord And bow myself before the God on high? Shall I come to Him with burnt offerings, With yearling calves? Does the Lord take delight in thousands of rams, In ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I present my firstborn for my rebellious acts, The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has told you, O man, what is good; And what does the Lord require of you But to do justice, to love kindness, And to walk humbly with your God? -Micah 6:6-8 NASB

"You shall also say to the sons of Israel: 'Any man from the sons of Israel or from the aliens sojourning in Israel who gives any of his offspring to Molech, shall surely be put to death; the people of the land shall stone him with stones. I will also set My face against that man and will cut him off from among his people, because he has given some of his offspring to Molech, so as to defile My sanctuary and to profane My holy name. If the people of the land, however, should ever disregard that man when he gives any of his offspring to Molech, so as not to put him to death, then I Myself will set My face against that man and against his family, and I will cut off from among their people both him and all those who play the harlot after him, by playing the harlot after Molech.-Leviticus 20:2-5 NASB

**2. No other god**

A. No Other

"They made Him jealous with strange gods; With abominations they provoked Him to anger. "They sacrificed to demons who were not God, to gods whom they have not known, New gods who came lately, Whom your fathers did not dread. "You neglected the Rock who begot you And forgot the God who gave you birth. - Deuteronomy 32:16-18 NASB

No, but I say that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons and not to God; and I do not want you to become sharers in demons. -1 Corinthians 10:20 NASB

B. No Manufactured gods

Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, 'I am the Lord your God. You shall not do what is done in the land of Egypt where you lived, nor are you to do what is done in the land of Canaan where I am bringing you; you shall not walk in their statutes. You are to perform My judgments and keep My statutes, to live in accord with them; I am the Lord your God. So, you shall keep My statutes and My judgments, by which a man may live if he does them; I am the Lord. - Leviticus 18:1-5 NASB

C. When the God of all comfort becomes the god of my comfort  
Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.

1 Corinthians 10:14 ESV

Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Colossians 3:5 ESV

**3. Love to the Point of Jealousy**

A. God's Jealousy

For I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy; for I betrothed you to one husband, so that to Christ I might present you as a pure virgin. - 2 Corinthians 11:2 NASB

You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore, whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. Or do you think that the Scripture speaks to no purpose: " He jealously desires the Spirit which He has made to dwell in us"? -James 4:4-5 NASB

#### B. The Character of God

Ezekiel 33:10 "And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: 'Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?' 11 Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?"

12 "And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness by it when he sins. 13 Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die. 14 Again, though I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die,' yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live.

17 "Yet your people say, 'The way of the Lord is not just,' when it is their own way that is not just. 18 When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. 19 And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by this. 20 Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways."

#### C. Summing up the first Commandments=LOVE

"Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" And He said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the great and foremost commandment. Matthew 22:36-38 NASB

Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfillment of the law. Romans 13:10 NASB

#### *Reflection Questions:*

1. *What other gods are you attracted to now or in the past?*
2. *What "chains" continue to hold you?*