

EXODUS 20:4

YOU MUST NOT

MAKE FOR YOURSELF AN IDOL OF ANY KIND.

Question:

087 **■ QUOTATION QUESTION. Which of the Ten Commandments prohibits the** worshipping of idols?

*You must not make for yourself an idol of any kind.
Exodus 20:4*

King James Version:

Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image

New International Version:

You shall not make for yourself an image

The Message:

No carved gods of any size, shape, or form of anything whatever,

The Voice:

You are not to make any idol *or image of other gods*.

Definitions & Synonyms

make: cause, prepare, form

yourself: God is speaking to you, to everyone, all people

idol: hero, icon, superstar, desire

any kind: all in a category, or type, or family

must not: don't do it, not allowed

Words (Exodus chapter 20)

After God delivered the people of Israel out of Egypt they came to Mt Sinai and God spoke to Moses and gave him the ten commandments. The second of the ten commandments is "You must not make for yourself an idol of any kind." This was important because in Egypt the people worshiped many gods and God wanted to make important the fact that any other thing the people worshiped as a god was an idol. There was only one God, and it was the one that delivered them from Egypt. Any other kind was just an object with no power. Our God is the true God, everything else is an idol.

The ten commandments are found in Exodus chapter 20 which is the second book of the Bible and part of the Old Testament, the old covenant between God and man. The ten commandments are a fence to protect us from sin. The new covenant or New Testament is about Jesus, and he instructed with two great commandments which tells us how to live. The first and most important commandment is to love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength. If we do this the second commandment will happen by itself.

"You must not", most the ten commandments start with what we must not do.

"Make for yourself an idol," The word "idol" is used here to give lesser value to all the other gods men worship in the world. It is like the first commandment but repeated in a way to help make important there is only one true God.

"Of any kind" these three words were added to make important there is nothing left out, God means ALL with capital letters. No exceptions.

There are many methods for memorizing, the simplest is reading it out loud repeatedly until you can say it without looking. Repeat the verse 10 times out loud always working to say it without looking. Repeat this process each day this week until you can do it three days without looking first. Include the question in your reading as it helps us understand why this verse is important.