

10 FOOLISH THINGS

PEOPLE DO TO
MESS UP THEIR LIVES

Exodus 20:4-6

Commandment #1

“Thou shalt have no other
gods before me.”

(Exodus 20:3)

Purpose of the 10 Commandments

Purpose #1: to reveal God's standards

- *Compass – points the way*

Purpose #2: to reveal our shortcomings

- *Thermometer – takes our spiritual temperature*

Purpose #3: to lead us to Jesus Christ

- *Tutor – teaches that we cannot meet God's standards on our own*

FOOLISH THING #1

Failing to Establish Our Spiritual
Foundations

FOOLISH THING #2

Worshipping the Right God in
the Wrong Way

Commandment #1

- object of worship

Commandment #2

- mode/form of worship



There is no substitute for genuine and
authentic worship of God in your life!
God is seeking worshippers!

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sacred images representing the
saints, Christ, and the Virgin Mary



The 2nd Commandment teaches ...

**1. God cares about what/whom
we worship.**

You can never deal
“half-way” with an idol...

*If you don't deal dramatically with it
(NT - radical amputation) it will always
come back to dominate your life again.*

The 2nd Commandment teaches ...

- 1. God cares about what/whom we worship.**
- 2. God cares about how we worship.**

HOW we worship God says a lot about what we really think about Him ... and what we really think about God says a lot about how we are going to live in obedience to Him.

Worship ➡ Beliefs/Theology ➡ Obedience

How should we worship?

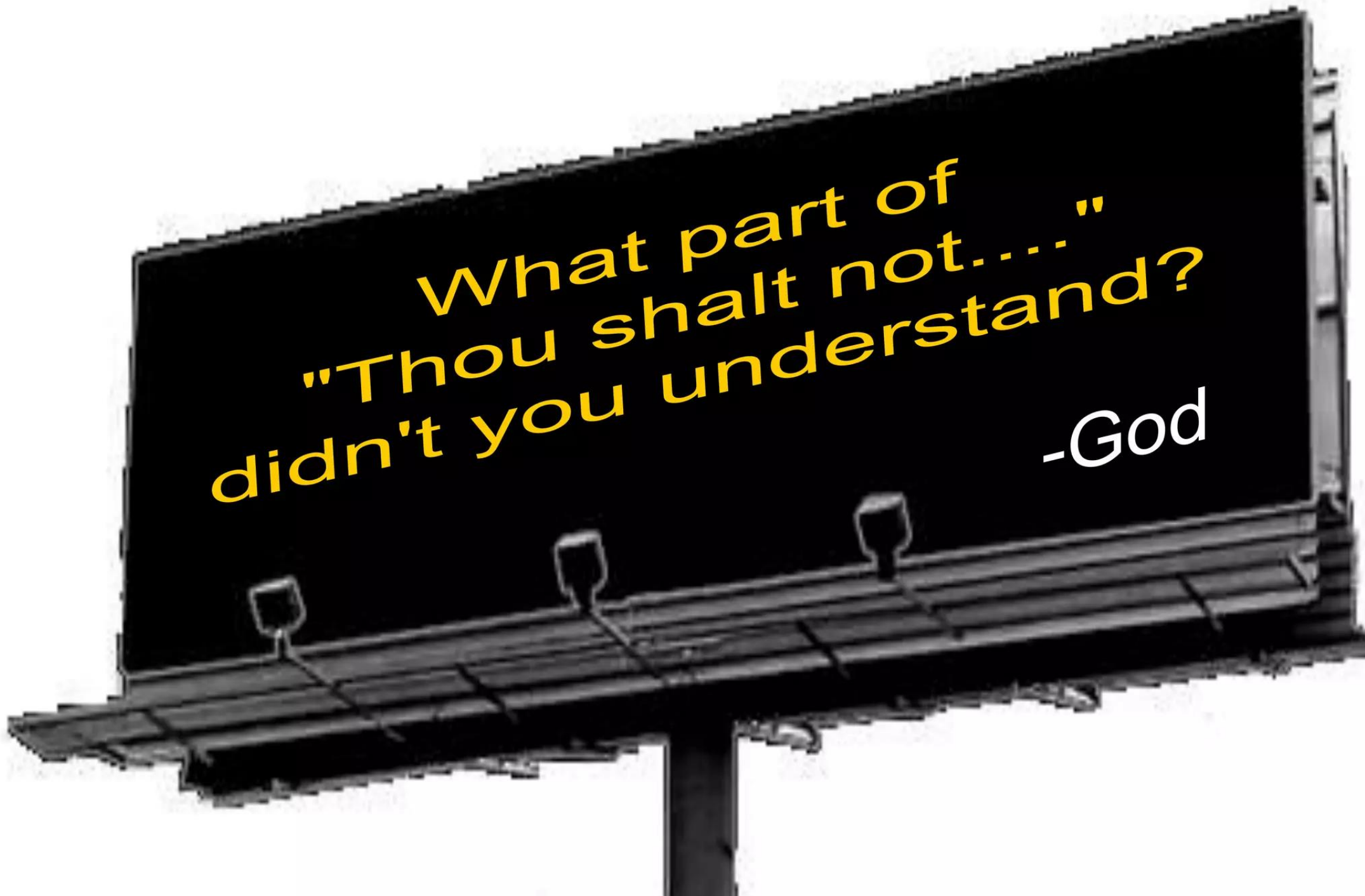
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surrounding himself with pictures and
statues if they lift his heart to God?**

1. The second commandment forbids it *(vs. 4)*.

What part of
"Thou shalt not...."
didn't you understand?

-God



What harm is there in a worshipper surrounding himself with pictures and statues if they lift his heart to God?

- 1. The second commandment forbids it (*vs. 4*).**
- 2. The second commandment attaches frightening consequences to violating this command (*vs. 5*).**
- 3. Images dishonor God for they obscure His glory (*Is. 40:18*).**
- 4. Images mislead men for they convey false ideas about God (*Deut. 4:12*).**

How should we worship?

1. Our worship is not to be focused on images.
2. Our worship is to be God-centered, not man-centered.
3. Our worship must emphasize the holiness and worthiness of God.
4. Our worship must be truth-centered (*word-centered*). >> **intelligent**
5. Our worship must be spirit led and should affect our spirit (*emotions*). >> **fervent/passionate**

The 2nd Commandment teaches ...

- 1. God cares about what/whom we worship.**
- 2. God cares about how we worship.**
- 3. God cares about why we worship.**



**Genuine worship is not
something you can create!**

*Worship flows out of hearts that have
understood – at the deepest level - the
worthiness and holiness of God.*

Commandment #1

“Thou shalt have no other gods before me.”

- Do my finances, calendar, and topics of conversation reflect that God is first and best in my life?
- Do I have relationships with others that are more important than my relationship with God?
- Do I go anywhere other than God to satisfy the desires and needs of my heart?

Commandment #2

“Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image.”

- Do I possess anything that receives more of my time and focus than Christ and my ministry for Him? Do I get more excited about sports and hobbies than I do about God?
- Do I prioritize worship in my life? Does my worship genuinely reflect *spirit and truth*, or am I characterized more by *going through the motions*?