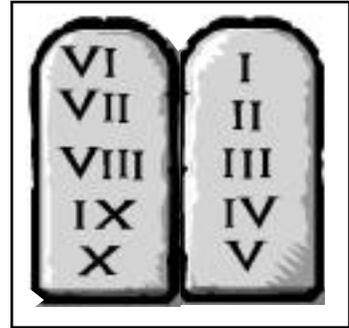


עֲשֶׂרֶת הַדְּבָרִים לא יהיה - Word Number Two

THE SECOND WORD of the Ten words is:

“You shall have no other gods before Me.
“You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth.
“You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, Adonai your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing lovingkindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.



This second word of God’s Ten Words teaches us a very important lesson: there is only One true God—all other gods are really only demons, workers of Satan. The true God is the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God Who created all things, and Who is the only King of all the universe. Since He created everything (including you), we worship Him, not the things He made. No matter how beautiful the world is that He created, our worship is only to be given to Him. This means that we must always think of God as more important than anything else. We put Him first in our lives. When we worship Him, we bow to Him showing that we are willing to obey Him and follow His commandments. We must not bow to anyone else. This also means that we must not bow down in worship to any picture or statue that is suppose to represent God. We must not make any statue even as a reminder of Him or to use in worshipping Him. Our God, the true God, is invisible—He does not have a body like we do. So we cannot make a statue of Him, nor can we draw pictures of Him. Yet even though we cannot see Him, He is real, and He lives with us. He wants us to love and obey Him, and He is jealous for us, which means He wants us to be His special friends. He is our Father who is in Heaven, Who sent Yeshua our Messiah as the perfect picture of His invisible nature. In this way, God has fully explained Himself to us through Yeshua.