

Q. 110. What are the reasons annexed to the second commandment, the more to enforce it?

A. The reasons annexed to the second commandment, the more to enforce it, contained in these words, *For I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments;* are, besides God's sovereignty over us, and propriety in us, **his fervent zeal for his own worship, and his revengeful indignation against all false worship**, as being a spiritual whoredom; accounting the breakers of this commandment such as hate him, and threatening to punish them unto divers generations; and esteeming the observers of it such as love him and keep his commandments, and promising mercy to them unto many generations.

How to pray for worshippers of God.

1. Pray for true knowledge of God to grip people's hearts. When people feed on the Lord's word, God must reveal Himself to souls through His word.
2. Pray for a reverence to God's holy name.
3. Pray for a zeal for God's glory.
4. Pray for a holy hatred for false worship— take a stand. There can be no neutrality on this issue as God hates false worship, and He considers false worshippers as those who hate Him.
5. Pray for God's mercy on our souls as we worship God. All worship offered by redeemed sinners must be offered on the basis of pleading mercy.
6. Pray for our children to learn to worship God aright and be delivered from false or profane worship. Eze. 22:26, Eze. 44:23, Lev. 22.2, 15,32.

Profane = to wound, dissolve or defile. It means to bring to a lower value and usually, when used in the Bible, it means to bring down to a worldly level.

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Praying on the Second Commandment**

Larger Catechism: Q. 107. Which is the second commandment?

A. Exodus 20:4-6

Q. 108. What are the duties required in the second commandment?

A. The duties required in the second commandment are, the receiving, observing, and keeping pure and entire, all such religious worship and ordinances as God hath instituted in his word; particularly prayer and thanksgiving in the name of Christ; the reading, preaching, and hearing of the word; the administration and receiving of the sacraments; church government and discipline; the ministry and maintenance thereof; religious fasting; swearing by the name of God, and vowing unto him: as also the disapproving, detesting, opposing, all false worship; and, according to each one's place and calling, removing it, and all monuments of idolatry.

While the commandment is put in the negative, showing what we may not do in worship, the above answer is the positive aspect of keeping the second commandment.

Q. 109. What sins are forbidden in the second commandment?

A. The sins forbidden in the second commandment are, all devising, counseling, commanding, using, and any wise approving, any religious worship not instituted by God himself;

[Here is the regulative principle of worship.]

the making any representation of God, of all or of any of the three persons, either inwardly in our mind, or outwardly in any kind of image or likeness of any creature whatsoever; all worshiping of it, or God in it or by it; the making of any representation of feigned deities, and all worship of them, or service belonging to them; all superstitious devices, corrupting the worship of God, adding to it, or taking from it, whether invented and taken up of ourselves, or received by tradition from others, though under the title of antiquity, custom, devotion, good intent, or any other pretense whatsoever; simony; **sacrilege; all neglect, contempt, hindering, and opposing** the worship and ordinances which God hath appointed.

“simony”; - using religion for gain, or offering money for religious gain.

“sacrilege”; - to corrupt the worship with profane worldly things

“all neglect”, - to stay home, to leave it to others, to opt out.

“contempt”, - to make light of worship, or the reverent use of God's name.

“hindering”, - discouraging others, holding them back or minimizing.

“opposing” - disrupting, distracting, governments which makes laws contrary to God's day, liberty and freedom of worship.