

WORSHIP BY THE WORD
Exodus 20:22-26 // August 17, 2025 AM

I. *Adore* God according to His word alone (vv. 22-23).

II. *Approach* God according to His word alone (vv. 24-26).

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. What lesson do we learn from the structure of the book of the covenant, particularly how it begins and ends with ceremonial laws focused on the worship of God?
2. Pastor Nick said that we see God by hearing. What did he mean? Why does this matter?
3. Why is it necessarily idolatrous to try to depict God by way of picture or statue?
4. Though Israel couldn't make an idol, why was it okay for them to make an altar? What were altars for? Do we still make altars today?
5. What did God promise to those who approached Him through the altar by way of blood sacrifice?
6. What lessons can we learn from God's prohibitions against Israel using tools to cut the rocks for the altar and climbing stairs to the altar? How do these call us to worship God according to the divine word, not the depraved world?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Why is "cultural Christianity" problematic? How might I help an unbelieving friend to see that using this text?
2. Reflect on B. B. Warfield's statement: "Life close to God's word is life close to God." How has that proven true in my own experience?
3. How do the prohibitions in vv. 25-26 apply to my worship of God as a new covenant believer? What specific errors do I need to watch against?