

# Honoring God

## Chapter 40 Summary

### Chapter Learning Objectives

- The participants will explore how the first three Commandments call us to honor God.
- The participants will reflect on how important God is in their lives.

### Content Summary

1. The first three Commandments call us to honor God.
2. The First Commandment is “I am the Lord your God. You shall not have strange gods before me.” This Commandment calls us to love, believe in, and hope in God.
3. Making things more important to us than God is called idolatry and violates the First Commandment. Superstition and belief in fortune-telling violate the First Commandment because they deny the power of God and his plan for us.
4. Sacrilege, the buying and selling of spiritual favors, and atheism also violate the First Commandment.
5. There is a real difference between idolatry (worshipping false gods in the form of statues or pictures) and veneration. Veneration is honoring God’s presence in the world through the person (Jesus, Mary, or a saint) represented by a statue, icon, or picture.
6. The Second Commandment is “You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God, in vain.” Our use of God’s name should be respectful, not random, trivial, or for no good reason or value. *Blasphemy* is the intentional offensive use of the names of God, Jesus, Mary, or the saints.
7. Taking God’s name as an oath of truthfulness is a sacred promise, and should be done only when testifying in court or promising to uphold a law.
8. Lying under oath, which is called perjury, is a serious sin. It disrespects God before whom one has sworn to tell the truth.
9. The Third Commandment is “Remember to keep holy the Lord’s Day.” On Sunday we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus by participating in the Sunday Eucharist. Sunday is a holy day of obligation.
10. The Third Commandment also calls us to avoid unnecessary work on Sunday. Sunday should be reserved for activities related to faith, family, and friends.

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