

Q47: What is forbidden in the first commandment?

A: The first commandment forbids the denial of, or failure to worship and glorify, the true God as God and our God, and it forbids giving that worship and glory, which is due to God alone, to any other.

"The fool says in his heart, 'There is no God.' They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is none who does good."

Psalms 14:1 (ESV)

"I am the Lord your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it. But my people did not listen to my voice; Israel would not submit to me."

Psalms 81:10-11 (ESV)

"For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened."

Romans 1:20-21 (ESV)

"...because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen."

Romans 1:25 (ESV)