

THE FIRST COMMANDMENT.

(ITS MOSAIC ENUNCIATION.)

**THOU SHALT HAVE NO OTHER GODS
BEFORE ME.**

The nations that have worshipped false gods have had a changing morality. The worship of the only living and true God recognizes but one morality. Only the fool hath said in his heart, there is no God.

"The Lord our God is one Lord" is the fundamental first principle of the true morality, and was unceasingly reiterated by Moses in face of the many *baals* or strange gods worshipped in his time.

The true morality demands implicit obedience. The only living and true God is not to be mocked by the changing morality of a make-believe love and fear of self-created objects of worship. His service is of the body, the mind, and the soul, and the most healthful moral drill is to be found in making the eternal first principles laid down by Him, the guiding lines of duty and conduct. "In all thy ways acknowledge Him."

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