

physical deities but they were objects of affection in the minds of the people and as such they meant more than did the living Lord. Until these false "gods" were swept aside Israel suffered abuse and disparagement. But when the nation heard the law and acted upon it, revival and health soon followed. Nothing was more needed for them, or for us, than to Honor the Person of God...to be obedient to the first law.

The fuller meaning

To honor the Person of God is to openly acknowledge Him, to yield to His blessing, to commit oneself to Him in worship and service. It is to accept His control and to show the greatness of His judgment in the decisions of life. That is what the Lord requests and that is what makes us healthy and spiritually intelligent.

With regard to this command there is an interesting picture in Psalm 2. The heathen are pictured as raging against the Lord and His anointed. His anointed in this Psalm is clearly the Messianic King identified as His Son. The nations rail against both of them but it is striking that they are told to be quick to be at peace with the Son. God cannot be honored if the anointed one is also not honored. This tells us that honoring the Person of God is more than just uttering platitudes about Him, rather it is bowing before Him and accepting the provision that He gives..honoring Him alone in our acceptance. The God who delivered from Egypt is the God who sends forth the anointed one. When the Lord says "you will have no other gods before me" He is simply saying..."Honor me in all my ways...including my work of deliverance. Honor me and honor my anointed." We violate His will if we do less than that.

Conclusion