

Study Guide: Commands Regarding God

To study the topic of the first three Commandments, consult the Scripture passages listed and the paragraphs indicated in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC). **Note that the "In Brief" sections may help answer the questions below.**

1. What is God's first call and just demand of man? (CCC 2084)
2. How does the first commandment call us to **faith**? What are the main sins against faith, and what characterizes each? (CCC 2087-2089)
3. How does the first commandment call us to **hope**? What are the main sins against hope, and what characterizes each? (CCC 2090-2092)
4. How does the first commandment call us to **love**? What are the main sins against charity, and what characterizes each? (CCC 1731-1734)
5. What kinds of acts does the **virtue of religion** lead us to perform in obedience to the first commandment? What is a **vow**? (CCC 2095-2113)
6. What kinds of acts does the first commandment forbid? What characterizes each? (CCC 2110-2125)

7. If worship of graven images is contrary to Scripture, why does the Church allow veneration of icons and other religious objects? (CCC 2129-2132)

8. What does the second commandment tell us to do? What sins are contrary to it? (CCC 2142-2148)

9. What is an ***oath***? Why does Jesus advise his disciples not to take oaths? Does that mean he forbids them? (CCC 2149-2155)

10. What is the importance of a ***Christian name***? What kinds of names should parents give their children? What names should they ***not*** give them? (CCC 2156-2159)

11. Why was the Sabbath important to the Israelites in Scripture? (CCC 2168-2173)

12. If the Sabbath (Saturday) is so important, why does the Church change the day of worship to Sunday? Why do you have to go to your parish church to worship on Sunday, rather than staying home? (CCC 2174-2179)

13. What is the Sunday obligation? What should a Christian do if Sunday Mass is not available? (CCC 2180-2183)

14. What does it mean to make Sunday a “day of rest”? What kinds of work are allowed on Sunday, and what kinds are forbidden?(CCC 2184-2188)