Thou shalt have no other gods/elohym before me.

The FIRST and greatest commandment.

What does this really mean?

First let us clear the air on the word "God". We are not here to discuss the abstract term 'god'. For this study we will stick to the truth that there is ONLY ONE TRUE ELOHYM/God ALMIGHTY and that is **YHWH Our Father**, The Almighty by whom are ALL things,

1 Corinthians 8:6 But to us there is but **one Elohym/God**, the Father, of whom **are all things**, and <u>we in him</u>; and one Adonai Yahusha the Messiah, on account of whom are all things, and we on account of him

Our God has a son, His Son is Yahusha,

Matthew 3:17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, **This is my beloved Son**, in whom I am well pleased.

Matthew 17:5 While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, **This is my beloved Son**, in whom I am well pleased; **hear ve him**.

Luke 3:22 And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, **Thou art my beloved Son**; in thee I am well pleased.

Joh 1:18 No man hath seen YHWH at any time; but the **only begotten Son**, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

Joh 16:28 I **came forth** from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father.

and the Holy Spirit/Holy Ghost/Comforter Spirit of Truth.

John 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another **Comforter**, that he may abide with you forever;

John 14:26 But the **Comforter**, which is the **Holy Ghost**, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

John 15:26 But when the **Comforter** is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the **Spirit of truth**, which proceeds from the Father, he shall testify of me: John 16:7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the **Comforter** will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

YHWH created all things by HIMSELF, HE ALONE created all things.

Isaiah 44:24 Thus said YHWH, your redeemer, and he that formed you from the womb, I am YHWH that makes all things; that stretches forth the heavens alone; that spreads abroad the earth by myself;

Isaiah 45:5 I am YHWH, and there is none else, there is no Elohaym beside me: I girded you, though you have not known me:

Whether one believes something was said by YHWH or Yahusha does not matter here, Yahusha spoke only what YHWH gave him to say, so everything Yahusha said was from YHWH his Father and Elohym.

YHWH created all things. In six days He finished His work and <u>rested on the seventh</u> <u>day</u>, setting it aside as a blessed and sanctified that day.

Gen 2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. 2. And on the seventh day YHWH ended his work which he has made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. 3. And YHWH blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it because that in it he had rested from all his work which YHWH created and made.

Coming out of Egypt (bondage to sin) the children of Israel were given a covenant where by to live. Which is the same covenant we are given today when we seek to be released from our Egypt, our bondage to sin. The very first word SPOKEN (Ex 20:1) of that covenant is:

Ex 20:2. I am YHWH your Elohym, which have brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bandage. 3. You shall have no other Elohaym before me. You shall have no other Elohaym before me.

Today when we are called out of the house of bondage, freed from the bondage of sin in our flesh, we are given the very same word or commandment:

I am YHWH your Elohym which hath freed you from the bondage of sin. You shall have no other Elohaym before me.

There are many gods out there in our lives, in many forms, from money, stomach, flesh, to even our religious beliefs. These are many times contrary to our one true Elohaym. The hardest of these to overcome is the god of our religious beliefs, which for many are contrary to the covenant we are actually called into by the One who called us out of bondage.

While we were still in bondage to our sins, YHWH called us to repent, to come out of that bondage and be buried in the death of His Son, Yahusha and YHWH uses the Law as the tool to convert the soul.

Psa 19:7 The **law of YHWH is perfect**, <u>converting the soul</u>: the testimony of the YHWH is sure, making wise the simple. Psa 19:8 The statutes of the YHWH are right, rejoicing the heart: **the commandment of YHWH is pure**, <u>enlightening the eyes</u>.

When we do repent we become one with YHWH just as Yahusha was one with Him and have no other Elohyam (ruler, captain) before him. Once repented and cleaned in the baptism of the death and resurrection of Yahusha we become son of YHWH just the same as Yahusha and as Sons of YHWH we are required to abide by rules and to do as commanded by YHWH. We are to be obedient just as Yahusha was obedient.

As a Son, we will bless when YHWH blesses, we will obey the rules of the Kingdom, which are the **Ten Commandments**. We will truly say we have no other Elohym before us. We will act in perfect obedience. The Kingdom rules will be impressed upon our hearts, they will become part of us, we will become one with YHWH our Father. All members of the body will be walking in love in perfect unity having the same laws written upon their hearts, a perfect assembly (bride) without spot or wrinkle.

This assembly exists today, is here and now. This assembly, which has no other Elohym before it, whose head is the Messiah Yahusha, is calling all men to leave behind their religion gods and come repent and join the family of YAH. This assembly is not in the modern day Christian denominations which reject the **Ten Commandments** as a requirement for life, which are lead by deceiving spirits which teach disobedience to YHWH's law but obedience to doctrines of men, never delivering from the bondage of sin, teaching sin cannot be overcome. These are gods unto themselves and have been put before the actual Elohym that created all things and rested the seventh day.

Romans 15:5 Now the Elohym of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to the Messiah Yahusha:

6 That you may with one mind and one mouth glorify YHWH, even the Father of our Master Yahusha Messiah.

7 Wherefore receive you one another, as the Messiah also received us to the glory of YHWH.

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The only way one can have no other gods/elohym before YHWH the Elohaym that created the universe is by repentance and being baptized into the death and resurrection of YHWH's son Yahusha the Messiah and become subject to the Kingdom's law and conduct, it is only then that one becomes a spiritual being, walking in love (all the commandments), and actually having NO other gods/elohym before YHWH the Creator of the universe.

How do you know you love YHWH? When you keep the commandments and they are NOT grievous to our hearts and souls. Then you know that you know.

1 John 5:2 By this we know that **we love the children of YHWH**, when we love YHWH, and **keep his commandments**.

1 John 5:3 For this is the **love of YHWH**, that **we keep his commandments**: and his commandments are not grievous.

In the end our **Father** will be **ALL** in **ALL**, we shall have **NO** other gods/elohym before him

- 1 Corinthians 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so in the Messiah shall all be made alive.
- 23 But every man in his own order: **the Messiah the firstfruits**; afterward they that are the Messiah's at his coming.
- 24 Then comes the end, when Yahusha shall have delivered up the kingdom to YHWH, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.
- 25 For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.
- 26 The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.
- 27 For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him.
- 28 And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that YHWH may be all in all.

Please repent and become subject to YHWH's Law the <u>Ten Commandments</u> and turn to Yahusha for forgiveness of sins past, be baptized and receive Holy Spirit which will lead you into all truth and comfort you in the times of trial.

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