

SERMON NOTES

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PLAYING BY THE RULES

Exodus 20:1-6; 1 John 2:1-6

I. THE RULES—WHO MAKES THEM?

(Exodus 20:2) *"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery."* (1 John 2:1) *My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin.*

II. THE RULES—WHY OBEY THEM?

(Exodus 20:3-6) *"You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth. You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing lovingkindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments."*

III. THE RULES—WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE BREAK THEM?

(1 John 2:1b-2) *If anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world.*