

"God Won't Be Your Co-Dependant"

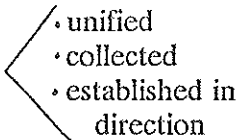
Deut. 6:1-5

Context

- * 3 months out of Egypt at Mt. Sinai
- * People hear sound of God's voice → 10 commands
- * "This is too much" Moses goes up alone
- * Moses gets more guidelines & truths
- * Comes back & gets Aaron & elders (who see God)
- * Once more down & back "Moses come get tablets"
 - 6 days wait, 7th day goes into cloud
 - 40 days & nights
 - tablets

vs.1-3 --> obey that you may live long & well -- commands insure blessing

v. 4 ---> the Lord is one = together
 (there is no other) complete
 whole
 directional



- "I Am" = He stands alone, complete; He can just be, needs nothing
- He is not fragmented, partial, bits & pieces; "He has it all together".
- He is primary = establishes the way things are, touchstone to evaluate selves (Ps 18) "with crooked His is not easy to get along with"
- First things start with Him, not us; He decides the direction & chooses the cause, not vice-versa.
- He is --> His patterns, ways, rules, exist before we do, or our situations do
- We cannot "test" Him = try to get Him to respond to or follow our lead (horse)
- We do not establish the ground rules or the basis for the relationship

Co-dependant

(1) Forced to conform to and go along with another person's dependency by accepting the distorted rules for the relationship
 "This is the way I am, take it or leave it."

The dependant one is allowed to stay dependant

(2) Looking for someone else to provide one's identity playing a role scripted by another's dependency

Exodus 32:1-4

21-24

- "people see delay" → impatient, want instant God to be there w/answers when they want Him

- "make us a god who will go before us" → want God to follow direction they set, only pretending that they follow Him

- "we don't know what's happened to Moses who led us out from Egypt" → look for next fad or craze, God's way only looks good for a season & now try something new -- people try a million new therapies, cures, etc.

- "tear off gold rings" → people eager to pay lots to make a god -- tear lives to have co-dependants who will let you live the way you are

- "Aaron fashioned a god w/graving tool" → co-dependant god is one you make according to your idea of what He ought to be like
the idea of God ≠ the person of God

(1) A Co-dependant god can't to us any good

- the great danger is our temptation to want God to fit into our way of life

(2) What we worship, we become like

- a god we fashion ourself will never change us

(3) God won't answer us on our own terms, according to the distortions of our sin & bondage (Ez. 14)

- repentance must accompany requests
- He refuses to participate in your distortions