

*A Woman After God's Own Heart:  
A Study of King David  
Lesson 1: Session Notes Chart*

Yahweh		Ba'al	
<u>Exodus 20</u>		Historic Ba'al Worship	Contemporary Spirit of Ba'al in the World
V. 2 Prologue: Yahweh is the God who delivered them from Egypt, (He is the one who created you)	Yahweh is the One true God		
V. 3 No other gods before me	Keep your focus on Yahweh, don't even think about or consider other gods, deliberation is the 1 <sup>st</sup> step of compromise	Ba'al and Asher Ba'al and Asherah are the gods who govern the land/life. Worship rituals offer tempting "freedoms" unavailable to Israelites.	God and religion are for the weak minded. Truly intellectual people know there is no God. Whatever makes you happy is acceptable, there are no consequences and there are no taboos. Everything is available, anything is acceptable.
V. 4 No Idols	God's true spirit cannot be embodied in anything he has created. Humans cannot "appeal" to any one particular aspect of his nature – his all things at all times	Physical idols represent various aspects of things desired by man 1. Fertility 2. Military prowess	No modern <i>physical</i> representation. Modern day replacements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Money or possession worship</li><li>• Desire for fame or influence</li><li>• Desire for power</li></ul>
V. 7 Don't misuse the Lord's name	Misappropriation on God's name – assigning blame or curses in his name requires an assumption or judgment on man's part beyond his understanding / capability		The Lord's name is frequently used to swear or to malign somebody or something

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V. 8 Keep the Sabbath holy, day of rest	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Holy – set aside, separate from the mundane or profane</li> <li>2. A day to remember and reflect upon who God is and what he has done</li> <li>3. God knew his creation needs a day of rest and peace. An opportunity to refocus on the Lord</li> </ol>	<p>“Holy” days engaged in “sacred rituals” feasts, sacrifices, perverted and immoral rituals that appeal to lusts</p>	<p>Society that judges success based on how much can be accomplished, especially in this day and age when mobile access permits us to constantly be multi-tasking. No time to rest. We squeeze in as much as we can and over schedule our own children teaching them the same behavior. Amusement: Greek “muse” having to do with divine inspiration, thought and creativity. Uplifting and inspirational “a-muse” : “a” implies the “opposite, against, contrary” Amusement is designed to keep us distracted from reflecting on God, being divinely inspired, contemplating or creating lofty things. Designed to Keep us from focusing on God.</p>

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V. 12 Honor your parents	Family values. A healthy family unit leads to a healthy community and a healthy nation. Each individual is responsible to and accountable to the members of his family.	Male dominated society where family unit was not sacred. Men were not held accountable to their families and any “unprotected” woman was fair game for unfair treatment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Attitude that the older generation is out of touch and should follow the lead of the younger generation. Older generation has nothing to contribute.</li> <li>2. A complete family unit isn’t necessary. A family can be whatever we want it to be.</li> <li>3. Discipline is lacking, teaching of responsibility and accountability lacking.</li> <li>4. Women and children suffer from the prevalent attitude of casual relations and no commitment.</li> </ol>
V. 13 Don’t murder	God values human life	Life held cheaply. Human sacrifice	Root of the abortion issue Root of genocide plots of various people groups : Jews (repeatedly); Darfur, etc.
V. 14 Don’t commit adultery	Goes back to healthy family unit God designed the relationship between a man and a woman to be sacred and intimate, not to be a shared bed with the community	Temple prostitutes Rape Any “unprotected” woman was fair game Perversion of sexuality, including bestiality	Break down of the family unit Perversions Sexualization of younger generation at an earlier age than ever before. Accessible thru TV, music, movies, internet, gaming

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V. 15 Don't steal	Whatever you earn, build, create, reap with your own sweat and strength belongs to you. No one has a right to take it away. Moral obligation and responsibility to care for those in your community – free to choose how much and to whom – motivated from the heart, not the demands of the less fortunate	Raiding, pillaging, destroying Benefit from the hard work of others	Redistribution of wealth. Movement where the "have nots" cry to the government to take more from the "haves". Redistribution of wealth is not biblical. We are called to share our blessing of our own free choice, not to have it mandated what we will give and to whom it will be given
V. 16 Don't give false testimony / lying	God puts a premium on truth. Lying undermines a relationship. Lies are lead back to a self-centered perspective. Lies are destructive		The Great Lies: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. There is no God</li> <li>2. If there is a God, you're not good enough for him, he wants nothing to do with you</li> <li>3. You don't need God, you can be your own God</li> </ol>
V.17 Don't Covet	Goes back to stealing and adultery	Goes back to stealing and adultery	Goes back to stealing and adultery