

God is God.

AND

People are people.

GOD IS GOD

God is not merely a god of the land,
not just a viable option to get by.
He is the God of all creation.

No other "god options."



There is no other ...

- (Deuteronomy 4:35 ESV) To you it was shown, that you might know that the LORD is God; **there is no other** besides him.
- (Deuteronomy 4:39 ESV) Know therefore today, and lay it to your heart, that the LORD is God in heaven above and on the earth beneath; **there is no other.**
- (1 Kings 8:60 ESV) That all the peoples of the earth may know that the LORD is God; **there is no other.**
- (Isaiah 45:6 ESV) That people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that **there is none besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other.**
- (Isaiah 45:18 ESV) For thus says the LORD, who created the heavens (he is God!), who formed the earth and made it (he established it; he did not create it empty, he formed it to be inhabited!); **"I am the LORD, and there is no other."**
- (Isaiah 45:21 ESV) Declare and present your case; let them take counsel together! Who told this long ago? Who declared it of old? Was it not I, the LORD? And **there is no other god besides me**, a righteous God and a Savior; **there is none besides me.**
- (Isaiah 45:22 ESV) Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! **For I am God, and there is no other.**
- (Acts 4:12 ESV) And **there is salvation in no one else**, for **there is no other name** under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

"Hear, O Israel ..." (Mark 12:28-34 ESV)

• **QUESTION: What is the most important command?**

(12:28) And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, "Which commandment is the most important of all?"

• **ANSWER: Love God so completely that there is room for no other god.**

What could be left for another god?

(12:29-31) Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: **The Lord our God, the Lord is one.** 30 And you shall **love the Lord your God with all** your heart and **with all** your soul and **with all** your mind and **with all** your strength.' 31 The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

• **ANSWER: You are right. No amount of offering or sacrifice can match this sold out love for God.**

(12:32-34) And the scribe said to him, **With all ...**
"You are right, Teacher. You have truly said that he is one, and **there is no other** besides him. 33 And to love him **with all** the heart and **with all** the understanding and **with all** the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." 34 And when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And after that no one dared to ask him any more questions.