

**Introduction:** If you don't like it, change it!

**Key Thought:** True worship of God cannot be made through the surrogate depiction created by man to facilitate that worship

**1. Those who don't agree have made changes**

- a. Roman Catholic Ten Commandments noticeably leave out the second and make two out of the tenth

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- **Exodus 20: 1-17**
- **Matt 15 8-9** Teaching the doctrines of men, rather than the true worship of God

**2. Where are other Bible principles about worshipping Idols?**

- a. Taking matters into their own hands. The examples of Aaron (Exodus 32), Saul (1 Sam 15:23), Jeroboam (1 Kings 12:25-33)
- b. Giving deity to elements of creation is sin (Isa 40:18-25)
- c. Idol worship leads to depravity (Rom 1:23-25)
- d. Carnal man prefers to worship something tangible
  - i. Hezekiah and the Serpent (2 Kings 18:4)
- e. Worshipping of idols is never to be tolerated?
  - i. Never: (Hab 2:18-19) (Deu 4:15-20)

**Questions**

1. What is the difference between Aaron's calf and Saul's stubbornness? Both were classified as idolatry
2. Is it ok to have pictures of Jesus in Sunday School material? Why or why not?
3. Are shows like 'The Chosen' acceptable, even though they portray Jesus as a character in their drama?
4. What are some ways that we worship idols?
5. Cherubim cover the Mercy Seat, but are not idols. Why? (Ex 25:18-22)

**Question 105:** What is the second commandment?

**Answer:** You shall not make any graven image, nor the likeness of anything which is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, nor in the waters under the earth: you shall not bow down to them, nor worship them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, and visit the sins of the fathers upon the children, to the third and fourth generation of them that hate Me, and show mercy to thousands of them who love Me, and keep My commandments

**Exodus: 20:4-6**

**Question 106:** What does the second commandment require?

**Answer:** That we should not express or represent God by any image or shape and figure (a), or worship Him any other way than He has commanded in His word to be worshipped (b)

(a) Deut 4:15 -20 ff; Isa 40:18ff; Acts 17:29; Rom 1:23 ff

(b) Deut 12:30 ff; 1 Sam 15:23; Matt 15:9

**Question 107:** May any images or resemblances of God be made at all?

**Answer:** God neither ought, nor can be represented by any means. As for things created, although it is lawful to depict them, God nevertheless forbids their images to be made or possessed **in order to worship or honor either them or God by them (a)**

(a) Exod 23:24; 34:13-14, 17; Num 33:52; Deut 7:5, 12:13, 16:22; 2 Kings 18:4

**Question 108:** But may not images be tolerated in churches, which may serve as books to the common people?

**Answer:** No for that would make us wiser than God, who will have His church to be taught by the lively preaching of His word (a), and not with speechless images (b)

(a) 2 Tim 3:16-17; 2 Pet 1:19

(b) Jer 10: 8 ff; Hab 2:18-19