

**Image-worship, Idolatry.**

**Q. 107.** Is it lawful to worship images?

**A.** No; it is contrary to Scripture.

Exodus xx. 4, 5. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in the heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: (5) Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me: . . . . (xxxii. 20. 35) And he (Moses) took the calf which they had made, and burnt it in the fire, and ground it to powder, and strawed it upon the water, and made the children of Israel drink of it: (35) And the Lord plagued the people, because they made the calf which Aaron made.

Leviticus xxvi. 1. You shall make you no idols nor graven image, neither rear you up a standing image, neither shall ye set up any image of stone in y ur land, to bow down unto it: for I am the Lord your God.

Deuteronomy iv. 15, 16, 23, 24. Take ye therefore good heed unto yourselves; for ye saw no manner of similitude on the day that the Lord spake unto you in Horeb out of the fire: (16) Lest ye corrupt yourselves, and make ye a graven image, the similitude of any figure, the likeness of male or female. . . . (23) Take heed unto yourselves, lest ye forget the covenant of the Lord your God, which he made with you, and make you a graven image, or the likeness of anything, which the Lord thy God hath forbidden thee. (24) For the Lord thy God is a consuming fire, even a jealous God.

Deuteronomy xvi. 22. Neither shalt thou set thee up any image (statue or pillar); which the Lord thy God hateth. . . . . (xxvii. 15) Cursed be the man that maketh any graven or molten image, an abomination unto the Lord, the work of the hands of the craftsman, and putteth it in a secret place. And all the people shall answer and say, Amen.

1 Kings xii. 28-30. Whereupon the king (Jeroboam) took counsel, and made two calves of gold, and said unto them (the people): It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem: behold thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. . . . . (30) And this thing became a sin; for the people went up to worship before the one, even unto Dan.

2 Kings xviii. 4. He (King Hezekiah) removed the high places, and brake the images, and cut down the groves, and brake in pieces the brazen serpent that Moses had made: for unto those days the children of Israel did burn incense to it; and he called it Nehushtan.