

Lord's Day 35

96. Q. What does God require
in the second commandment?

A. We are not to make an image of God in any way,
nor to worship him in any other manner
than he has commanded in his Word.

1. Deut 4:15-19; Is 40:18-25; Acts 17:29; Rom 1:23.
2. Lev 10:1-7; Deut 12:30; 1 Sam 15:22, 23; Mt 15:9; Jn 4:23, 24.

97. Q. May we then not make
any image at all?

A. God cannot and may not
be visibly portrayed in any way.
Creatures may be portrayed,
but God forbids us
to make or have any images of them
in order to worship them
or to serve God through them.

1. Ex 34:13, 14, 17; Num 33:52; 2 Kings 18:4, 5; Is 40:25.

98. Q. But may images not be tolerated
in the churches
as "books for the laity"

A. No, for we should not be wiser than God.
He wants his people to be taught
not by means of dumb images
but by the living preaching of his Word.

1. Jer 10:8; Hab 2:18-20.
2. Rom 10:14, 15, 17; 2 Tim 3:16, 17; 2 Pet 1:19.