



1) Read Exodus 20:4-6... We're told not to make a carved image, and then verse 5 adds and says that we should not bow down or serve these carved images. Do you think the command to refrain from making a carved images depends on whether we also worship and serve them, or is does the command in verse 4 stand on its own? Why or why not?

2) Read Exodus 32:1-6... Based on verse 5, who were the Israelites trying to worship with these actions?

Why do you think this was an unacceptable way to worship God?

3) Read Genesis 1:26-27... If God decrees that no likeness of Him is acceptable, and they can only diminish what He is actually like; why do you think God created mankind in His image?

4) Read Jeremiah 7:5-10... In order to properly worship God there seems to be requirements both for what we do when we approach Him directly in worship ("in this house" v. 10) and also requirements for what we do when we're indirectly worshipping Him ("ways and deeds" v. 5). From the allegations God makes against the Israelites, there is a list of "ways and deeds" that God finds unacceptable. Which of these unacceptable acts strikes you most prominently, and why?

5) As an image-bearer seeking to be a reflection of what God is like to people around you, how do you think your ways and deeds might need to change to best align with God's desire for your life?