

INTRODUCTION: 1st sentence of this Comm - monotheism - one God idea,

We might first read this commandment. V. 4 - You are commanded not to make

any idols or images resembling animals, birds, or fish. Thomas Edison's Electric light - condemned "as interfering with the Divine plan of World God had ordained that it should be knives & forks: condemned as impious - God given things to eat with! dark at night:"

You are never to bow down to an image of worship in any way, for I the Lord
God, am a jealous god visiting the iniquities of the fathers upon the children.

I will not share my throne with any other God. Wright Bros - Flying Machine - Religionists denounced it Blasphemous & would be insults & trespass on God's domain:
"a flying insult in the face of God:"

And I will punish people for their sins and this punishment is going to
continue to the children, the grandchildren, and the great-grandchildren that
put anyone else on my throne.

N.Y. World Telegram Apr. 1940 "best will & testament in Cherokee Co.
N.C. An eccentric woman left part of her estate to God. To settle the estate a case was settled by a suit
naming God one of parties. The Sheriff was summons - "After due & diligent search, God cannot be found
in Cherokee County."
A local search - what did he expect to find?

V. 6 I will lavish my love upon those who love me and keep my commandments.

Dr. William Stidger tells a beautiful story about a little girl, being tucked
in bed by her mother. Her mother prepared to turn out the light, the little girl
asked, mother, am I to be left all alone in the dark. The mother sought to assure
her, yes, my dear, but you know that you have God with you all the time. Yes,
said the child, I know that God is here with me - but I want somebody who has a face.

Each person listening to me tonight, clearly understands what was going on in
the mind of that little girl. Whether the darkness of her bedroom, the darkness of
your sorrow, your trial, your temptation, or some of the other mysteries of life -
each person wants somebody who has a face. mysteries of life

This is a point of the greatest dangers in our religious life. For here Satan would prefer us to worship some other being.

This is one of the ways that a person can avoid God. He can create his own Gods. It is very easy for some person to say, I never seem to get everything done. So on Sunday, I play around with the most attractive items on my list. It is not long before that individual comes to feel that that is what Sunday is for. Every person should have a hobby. And some people use Sunday to spend on their hobbies and to do their thing.

*Introduction to their Rel. & God:
20:12 - Moses reminds the people of the God who gave the Comm.! He is the God who brought them out of Egypt!*

The first commandment - says, put God first.

The second commandment - says, get the right picture of God.

The third commandments - says, say the right thing, and think the right thing about God.

All three of these commandments have to do with worship.

We find that the emperors played at being God. Many years ago, and often there were the strange lustful bodies of the Greek Gods and Goddesses. And some today are empty metal Gods that men have carved - cats, owls, beasts.

What we need to come face to face with is - God is unchanging. The Gods shift with the tastes of people, who may make them to their own image and their own likeness. Savage people fashion them like their own likeness. Whether a totem pole, or the bull of Memphis.

Ye shall not make yourself a graven image. There are few religious groups today who give this a strange meaning. Dr. Redhead talked about riding along in his car in up state New York. When he met an Amish couple riding in a horse and buggy. The man wore a long beard and a black suit. The woman had on an old-fashioned bonnet. He stopped and asked if he might take their pictures. The man replied, that he would rather not to do so. Because it was against his faith to be photographed.

Now this is an interesting interpretation by that group concerning the second commandment. Of course, he complied. The word graven means something that is carved. But these people have extended it even to photographs. Because it goes on to say, you shall not make yourself a graven image or any likeness of anything.

I. WHAT IS GOD LIKE?

V. 4 This is a good question to begin with. If we are forbidden to have any kind of image - then what shall we understand God to be.

He said in V. 4 that we shall not make any graven image. In the likeness of anything that is in Heaven, above, in the earth beneath, the heaven - or under the earth - what is in the water. So the fish, the animals, the stars, the heavens - none of these things are to be used to represent God. What is God like then.

John 4:23-24
Jesus said to the woman at the well - God is spirit. John 4:24. It can be translated that God is spirit or that God is a spirit. Perhaps the former is correct. He says in substance to the woman, God is spirit. He can be worshipped anywhere. His worship is not to be confined to a particular place. In Jerusalem or in some mountain - or in some place where a man may set up a graven image. So therefore, it was not a matter of place. It is a matter of spirit, a matter of truth - reality.

Man can worship God anywhere at anytime.

He meant that Spirit was in essence to God's being. That God does not have a body as you have. He has no material elements in his being. He transcends all the physical and the factors of space. It does not mean that God does not have relations for physical or special realities. But it does mean that he is not dependent upon such relations as we are. For he is pure spirit - God transcends even the temple.

Biblical revelation, as a part or whole, presents God as a spiritual being. It is true that God is spoken of as having hands, arms, ears, eyes, face, etc. But the writers knew they were using language that was not literal, but it was symbolic of his nature. They were trying to present that which can be presented only to human beings in human terms. Hebrew word Jehovah - means "He who exists of Himself & gives being & existence to others."

Psalm 94:9 - He that planteth the ear, shall he not hear. He that forms the eye, shall not see. He is presenting the thought that we call seeing and hearing. We are dependent upon them - but God is not. He made these. This shows his superiority.

It is difficult for us to think of a purely spiritual being. Who is independent of all space and time relations. The history of idolatry testifies that man needs some revelation of God.

The (incarnation) of God, in Christ, is the answer, for us as Christians. To this need of human mind and heart in Christ, God has become real definite without being degraded or made common. A revelation of God in Christ is a spiritual concept. The idea that God is holy. This is another way of saying that Christianity is the only

religion in the world with a pure spiritual concept of God.

Jesus Revealed God as Love - Forgiving - Patient - Judgement.

The condition of reproach to God, therefore, must be pure, personal, and spiritual. God is spirit manifested in Christ. As we think of the terms of grace revealed in Jesus Christ - that he is personal. Deut. 10:17.

in prison, Martin Niemöller, A Pastor in Nazi Germany was Thrown in prison for preaching sermon: "You shall have no other Gods Before Me"
Hitler Though differently - The race was first.

II. THE ORIGIN OF IDOLATRY - V. (5)

Thou shall not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them.

The probable origin of idolatry was man kind opened his eyes upon the creation. Everything was wonderful and splendid to see. And to worship, and it was not long before he was bowing to the sun, the moon, and the stars - which was only due to the creator.

The Hebrews now lived among people that worshipped many Gods. But among these people, there were those who made physical representations of their Gods. Some human, some animal, some pictures, some pillars, some rock, others trees. Some trusted in stone and wood. There were Gods for themselves. Philistines - Dagon; Canaanites - BAAL; Ammonites - MILCOM; Mobites - Chemosh; Israelites - JAHWEH, This God exclusively His Chosen! Deut 7:6-7.

This commandment was (uncompromising) and refuses to recognize these Gods with a flat no.

Now the Roman and the Lutheran churches have followed Augustine in making this commandment part of the first. And are forced to make an unnatural division of the last commandment by dividing it up. So as to preserve the number 10. The Jews make the preference as the first of the 10 works and make our first two into their second commandment.

And (by) tradition they have developed aids to worship with - with the instruction of devotion. And we find their churches are filled with statues of the virgin Mary, and of her son, together with the saints. And they wear a rosary of beads with a crucifix. This is for saying prayers by.

Now another contrast and interpretation of this is by the Greek Orthodox. Which adheres literally to the second commandment - it's members believe that graven means what it says. A (sculptured) or a (3-dimensional image). But they believe that the commandment does not rule out icons - that is flat 2-dimensional pictures of Jesus, Mary, and the saints.

In Athens we were able to see in some of the chapels, cathedrals - the number of icons - and the faithful come in and kiss these pictures and say their prayers. The shops are filled with these as a work of art.

While we find the forms of paintings, or sculpture have been used in houses of worship - now the Israelites have lived among these pagans who used images and they substituted these for God.

I think sometimes, we may have a bare church because of this very thing. We cut out these other aids. Yet, if that is all there is to the second commandment, it is difficult what it has to say to you or to me.

As one young man who went to church and heard a sermon on The Ten Commandments. He said to himself, well, "at least I have never made a graven image." So he just checked that one off the list. But that is missing the point. For the first commandment says that God must be first - there is no competition. That he must be on the throne. And there shall be no other Gods put before him. While the second

commandment goes on to complete this, and says there is absolutely no room on the throne of God for two Gods. Other than the Lord who demands our loyalty. For he is a jealous God.

I might stop and ask - do you have any household idols in your home. Does your church make use of any of the images or idols.

The second commandment prohibited the representation of the Lord in an image or idol.

Second the use of images or created beings as aids to worship of the Lord. For example, the bull became the symbol of Baalism. Israel was to make so such image in her worship. Even if the Lord was not actually identified with the image. So these principles we must understand.

Pagan worshippers knew full well that the deity was invisible. That it cannot be captured in an idol. The Gods were by large were personified by the powers of heaven, earth, or hell below. Thus they were related to the world by a large variety of a created order. For example, Zeus - rain, Thunder, Snow, Wind, & God Responsible. Some were the sky God. Some meant wind or storm God. Some were designated as Gods of wisdom. Some arts and crafts - writing, building, and agriculture. And then there was a God for the underworld ocean. Japan - deformed child - ancestors committed great sin.

Indians America & Peru, Bornes idol images; Africa wooden gods - Calif Hung 3-C Earth

What shape is your God. What shape is an idol anyway. One man said, my God is the patron of shop keepers. He is a little fat man with an elephant's head. He is made out of soapstone. He has two small rubies for eyes.

Somebody else may say I worship a fish-tailed Cadillac convertible. All my days, I give it offerings of oil and polish. Hours of my time, I devote it with all of my ritual - and it brings me luck.

Somebody else may say, well, I worship a beautiful (home). It is there that all the chairs contrast with the rug. The curtains harmonize with the woodwork. It is a holy place. All of the ash trays are in exactly the right place. And I nearly die of shock when somebody miss places something. I live only for the service of my home - it rewards me. Unless my children profane this whole house with dirt and noise - I drive them out doors.

Well, I wonder what shape your God is - or your idol. It may be (clothes) it may be your (club).

It may be (Hollywood). It may be (golf) that you worship. It may be some other game.

What (shape) is an idol - need it be a man shape, or a (beast) shape, or someother device. It could be a (mink coat). As long as you look at it for your salvation. And you keep on worshipping whatever this may be. An idol is worshipped not for it's shape but for its imagined power. The (Scribes and Pharisees) did not succeed in stopping idolatry. They only changed its vocabulary. Instead of saying what shape is your idol - they said look for salvation, in society. Look in some of the forces of nature. Kneel down before these images and make small offerings to them.

(Modern Christians) can sometimes become idolatrous worshippers with the (gadgets) instead of the images. They are happy if they can buy a new (T. V. set). Some new patent (garbage disposal). And some people think that salvation lies in electric power. And they look into all these mysteries. It doesn't matter which of our toys we make a God out of. (What) matters is that the thing is still an idol - a material object. And this commandment applies to us literally. Now you may not carry a (rabbits foot) around in your pocket. You may have a cheap brass one mounted somewhere. But ^{love shoe} is that the solution to civilization.

III. THERE ARE SOME WHO HAVE OPPOSED THIS IDOLATRY

Daniel 3:1,6 Nebuchadnezzar had the image of a golden God and the three Hebrew children were cast into a firey furnace because they were opposed to this.

From the beginning of time, missionaries have had to deal with this evil. Modern missionaries had to start at the beginning, even today. It is cruel. It renders the worst kind of vices. It contaminates the temples and the homes of society.

// John wrote, little children, guard yourselves from idols. His meaning says, profess God - and avoid any contact with pagans. //

The Greek word for idol tells us that it is the suggestion of unreality. The counterfeit God over against the one who is a real God.

The early Christians and the Jews had a horror of images. And modern Christians - if we should be transported back to Athens, we might find ourselves. Paul revealed that the whole city was full of idols, in Athens.

There was a plague once of serpents in the wilderness and Moses, at the command of God, made a brass serpent and set it on a standard - and this was to be the cure. It was hundreds of years later that this serpent had to be removed from the temple because it had become an object of superstition and worship. (2 Kings. 18:4.)

Moses, who seemed to be lost on the mountain, when the golden calf was made. People cried to Aaron, who was second in command, make us Gods which shall go before us. But as for this man Moses who brought us out of the land of Egypt, we know not what has become of him. And Aaron excuses himself - obtained the golden ornaments from the people and made a golden calf. Ex. 32:24. Men still worship the golden calf. They still cry make us gods that we can see. That we can manage, and we can

trust.

M took the image & ground it into powder on water & forced the people to drink it. Why? Calf image fertility cult, degradation of women or prostitutes in temple, "I the Lord your God am a jealous God"

Some years later Jeroboam to set up his kingdom and strength his position as king, he made two calves of gold. One was set up at Bethel. And one at Dan. I Kings 12:28-29.

The prophets of old clashed with graven images and idolatry. The worship of Jehovah was under the form of a bull or a calf. And this was being condemned by the prophet Amos at Bethel. When he talked about social injustices.

In Hosea 8:5-6, he spoke about the simple pillars and the loyal shrines which people imported Gods and worshipped in the high places.

Under Josiah a considerable reformation took place when he attempted to put into practice this commandment, and it brought a great shock to people as they came back from exile in Babylon.

This second commandment is one that most people feel less guilty of breaking. As we go back, we find that man has had a hard time that there is a God. He could not see him, and so he has made aids to assist his imagination. To bring reality into his worship.

Frank Boreham tells of a man who prayed with a vacant chair before him. He imagines God sitting in that chair, and it made his prayers more real.

You or I might have copies of the Bible which we use in studying, or as we read our devotional material, and they have value for us. And their very presence reminds us of God. Of course, one can worship anything. But worship is easier in the church building. We use music as an aid. Sermons. But this is an aid instead of a goal. The Bible, church, music - these are just symbols because they lead us to God. As

we read, when Jesus said to Peter - Thou art the Christ. Peter said, Thou art the Christ, the son of the living God. Matt. 16:16.

We are told that God created man in his own image. Gen. 1:27. But to live a life, that is different is difficult. Thus, instead of being like God - we seek to create him in our own image. It is easier for us to make God look like ourselves.

Than to make ourselves look like him.

*Nemrod - built towers going reach heaven, same language, NOT sub God
Blame Lord for exume - "Rebel" NOT go through channels, and scattered them over the world.
Charles Kellogg; Side Walk, Took a Dime & Tossed onto the sidewalk - People
Both directions stopped - "Why have their cars turned to Dimes & Dollars"*

IV. HOW DOES GOD DEAL WITH IDOLATRY?

This text tells us in V. (5) that we shall not serve any other God, because God is going to visit his judgement upon generations to come.

V.5

When the people came back from exile, God punished his people. We read in Psalm 137:1, 4 - by the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down. Yea we wept. We remembered Zion - how we shall sing the Lord's song in the strange land. They were separated from the land of their fathers. They felt that they were exiled from their God.

They had been unfaithful. The laws of God had been broken. The Ten Commandments had not been kept. There was infidelity and idolatry. And the people had become rich and powerful but they were taken captive. The tremendous images, whose sight was inescapable, had been placed in the crowded streets.

Isaiah 44:14-19 - *Tree God sends Rain* - a man shall fix upon some plain or oak when God planted, and the rain nourished to serve as fuel, men kindled the fire with it to warm themselves. They started a blaze in order to bake bread. But he turns it into a God of worship.
Stock of a tree

He makes it into an idol and bows down to it. Half of it he burns in the fire - roasting the flesh upon the embers - he eats it and is satisfied. Warms himself and says, I am warm now. The other half he turns into a God - into an idol. He bows down and worships it. He prays and cries before it.

God, as a rejection for the images, for the (plastic arts) that were being developed. Painting - Images: "Virgin Mother - Christ - Biblical Scenes - Characters."

In 63 BC the Roman general known as Pompey, captured Jerusalem. He entered the temple with his officers. He went to the Holy of Holies. They were looking for an idol, but they found none.

Pilate was determined not to be denied what he considered superstition. He allowed the standards to be brought in by night. And the city was in an uproar and multitudes came and interceded with Pilate many days. That they should be removed - that these images would injure even the image of Caesar. So he ordered his soldiers privately to bring their weapons in before the judgement seat. The Jews petitioned him again. And he signaled his soldiers and they surrounded these people, attempting to punish them. They threw themselves upon the ground, layed their necks bare, and said that they would take their death willingly.

So the law was extended to command the images to be carried back from Jerusalem.

Historian Origen said that Christian abhorred all worship or use of images, and added, it is not possible at the same time to know God, and to address your prayers to an image. The use of a crucifix in prayers appeared later on. But it was unknown by these early Christians.

The Christian rejected idolatry in the whole social realm.

In Corinth, which was usually represented by drunkenness, immorality was a part of idolatrous worship, of Aphrodite - a city of 600,000 drawn from many parts of the world. St. Paul set the matchless hymn to the divine love - I Cor. 13. But if one bought meat in the marketplace - it was probably first offered to an idol temple. What was the busy housewife to do. After all, the Christians knew that God represented by idols, simply did not exist. There was only one God.

Paul says, all things are lawful but are not expedient. He saw the force in the argument. He agreed that an idol was there. But he recognized that he had complete freedom. And that it was not a compromise. The Christian housewife was asked, no unnecessary questions. But if you were invited out to dinner, the Christian might eat without asking questions.

Statue of Caesar, Eagle -

The Roman empire was obliged to come to terms with the growing church. And there was - they tried to maintain the worship without idols. Illustrations of the miracles of Jesus - the Good Shepherd, Daniel in the Lion's Den. And many of these Christian symbols.

During the time of Constantine, and many a village, the local saint took the place of the local God and was given honor in the God's old shrine.

And then in the 8th century, the emperor Leo, who initiated image breaking. They had even made god-parents at baptism. And the reformation made a great impression as they brought hammers and pick-axes to break up statues which today would be considered priceless.

Early Protestants smashed the carved figures on the cathedrals of France, & Holland - The Puritans destroyed stained glass windows & reduced the architecture of their churches to simple lines - were they right?

It was not pointless destruction. They stripped them of their jewels and

eventually burned them. There was a sister of this and the other and a virgin

The Catholic chm had interwoven in to ritual & dogma of salvation for a brief so and so. The Reformation destroyed images, the iconoclasts objected to image of the Virgin, every crucifix; one of Dutch ch's, rising 300' above the altar figure representing Body of Jesus pulled down & broken Sledge Hammers, Destroyers were destroyed & the cross

The council met at Nicaea in 787. In 787, restored the cult of images after they had been forbidden by some of the emperors.

Bishop Gore said, it is idolatry to let our worship first be directed towards persons lower than God.

Sir Thomas Brown said that the sight of the cross or crucifix - I can dispense with my hat but scarce with the memory of my Saviour.

The first commandment points out the (one and only) object of worship. Second, tells us (how he is to be worshipped). In spirit and in truth - by faith, and not by images which appeal to the senses. The design of this commandment is to draw us away from cold and carnal concepts of God. To prevent his worship being profaned by superstitious rights. Which is a most fearful threat. Those who break this commandment, shall bring down upon their children, the righteous judgement of God. Those who keep it shall cause mercy to be extended to the thousands of those who love God. There is no safety save in a "Thus saith the Lord"

10 Comm: like Carpenter's Square By laying the square on a board you can tell in an instant if the board is cut off square. We are being cut & squared for God's spiritual building. If some one has been tapering with the square - change trademark chiseling word from the table - Thus saith the Lord.

V. THE PITFALLS OF BREAKING THIS COMMANDMENT

In all true worship, there is a temptation of the Godly, as well as those of the unGodly, to (take an easy) way out. Take thine ease - eat, drink, and be merry. The picture is on the wall. And windows of a mid-evil church have long been defended as the lesson books of the unlearned.

TENN. State Coach, Joe Paterno Thinks society is to blame for any trend towards dishonesty as sports won't change society: If there is a trend of less morality in the world, sports will go that way. Our Relationship to God affect all aspects of our lives. And the cathedrals with all of their (carvings) - does this suggest idolatry.

It is great tradition that only the best should be given for God's glory. The best materials, the best skilled workmanship. And shall we deny the sculptor,

the craftsman, the one who builds a house of God. The stones, the paintings. What is going to be a genuine aid to the worship of the almighty.

There are dangers within Christianity and without. We have in our own generation - a cry for science, for education, the United Nations, to atomic energy.

But the Christian believes that in the incarnation of God, in Jesus Christ, who is near at all times.

Fool No God - Russian space trip, "I did not find or see God" (I have to that by faith) -

(Became morose)
Romans 1:18-23 - Paul says they knowing God - they glorify him not as God. They would not like to retain him in their minds. In their thinking.

An image degrades the idea. For example, the crucifix is utterly inadequate to show Christ to you. God is a very jealous God - for his name. And that is one of the reasons for this commandment.

Like pictures - thou shalt not bow thoursel down. Here is a portrait or a picture made in the likeness. Say in the likeness of God. Now Paul in Acts 17:24, said he found strange Gods in the city of Athens. And you could see a man. And there were Gods in the valley, hills, in the temples, in the towers.

God appeared on Mt. Sinai, they heard his voice - but Moses did not see him. And Jehovah is a jealous God. It is like a covenant. It is a marriage covenant. Jehovah is the husband of his nation. And if the wife worships somebody else, then there is jealousy. And the church is the bride of Jesus.

*BSA 90:2
102:25-27*
This commandment (requires) the outward worship - prayer, praise, and solemn attendance on God's word.

What happened to Israel when she for got God & served other gods? No Christian could ever be satisfied with a view of God which suggest He could be regarded as one among many!
Today there are men who pride themselves on (broad-mindedness). They say this

is my own business. And I'll do this as I please. One religion is as good as another. The next thing you know, he is saying - one way of living. One pattern of conduct, is as good as another pattern. It is this false God of broad-mindedness until he loses his hold upon God.

Elton Trueblood seems to come "The Necessity of Intolerance"
Prophet's refer to as greatest single danger, Canaanitish, Baal worship a form of Nature worship, worship of a British Astrological worship from Assyria, why spend Sunday in stuffy church when can be horse back riding or swimming on beach, Broadminded
Be a Pagan

No wonder today, half of the religious books talk about renewal of the church. We have made so many graven images for ourselves - we have become so broad-minded in our Christian life, that we are not light in the world, we are not salt in the world. Because we have been in the business of making these images.

Do you turn your eyes to anyone else or to anything else. There is an old legend - the queen of Sheba visited King Solomon. She put him to a hard test. Two bouquets were placed before the wise king. Tell me which is real and which is artificial. You could not tell by the natural eye. Solomon, the legend says, opened the window. He waited for a bee to enter and light upon the real roses. God knows the difference between sincere and insincere worship. Whatever the order of service - it must be spiritual and touch the soul. If you have some idol or graven image other than Christ, it is unreal.

John 5:21 "My little children, guard yourselves from idols."

Bob Wakefield was in Singapore with a Mission Board and he told about the Hindu boy. He said, they were carrying heavy burdens, some decorated with flowers, peacock feathers, silver and bronze images of their gods. That Gods might observe their suffering. Many had metals - one or two or three hundred steel needles running through their burdens. These sharp ends pierced their backs, and chests. They walked for two miles in the hot sun to the temple, of a thousand lights. He said on February, 1962, he was there, at the temple to witness the pagan ritual. He saw a Hindu boy - he was shocked. He was carrying a wooden burden. He had fasted and prayed to the Gods for many days. A priest began to chant - calling upon the Gods to witness. This boy desired to escape the evil spirits. He rubbed a mixture of

Car's Dying
 saffron and caldon upon his forehead. He chanted faster and louder - the people and the family shouted - A, A. It became intense. The burning incense was held before the boy. The drum, the oboe, the noise of the crowd was all very loud. He watched this Hindu boy in his devotion and in his fear - stiffened, his eyes bulged, the boy's mouth opened. The priest took up a silver skewer. He ran it through the boy's cheeks. He pulled the boy's tongue out and holding it tightly between his finger and thumb, he rammed another skewer through it. The crowd moaned and swayed - the priest took up the chant. The boy's hair was wet. Pain was on his face. Lava seeped from his mouth. He was unable to swallow. Unable to speak, unable to close his mouth. Waiting to fulfill his vows to his Gods. *idols*

V.6

Bob said I watched that, and then I thought about my son. I watched him go to church light-hearted, with a Bible in his hand, and listened to him pray to almighty God in love and in forgiveness. And he says, what a difference - what a very great difference. This Hindu boy in this temple. Here is a living symbol of lost humanity. And this to me is one of the ways in which this commandment -

Dr. J.C. Massee preached Sermon - "God with skin on His face" text John 1:14
 "and the Word was made flesh, & dwelt among us."

Open your heart long to see some object - Hear the words of Jesus,
 "He that hath seen me, hath seen the Father". Bible says, Help us Picturesque words - He is a Rock - A shield - Sun - High Tower -

After Thorswaldsen completed his famous Statue of Christ,
 Brought a Friend to see it - Christ outstretched arms, his head bowed between them.

Friend said, "But we cannot see His face"

Sculptor replied, "all you would see the face of Christ, you must get on your knees".

He is the perfect image of God - let us have no other!
 cross key to Gospel - Power that when working!