

Heidelberg Catechism

LORD'S DAY 35

96. What does God require in the second commandment?

A. That we in no way represent God by images, or worship him in any other way than he has commanded in his word.

97. Must we then not make any image at all?

A. God neither can, nor may be represented by any means: but as to creatures; though they may be represented, yet God forbids to make, or have any resemblance of them, either in order to worship them or to serve God by them.

98. But may not pictures be tolerated in churches as books for the laity?

A. No: for we must not pretend to be wiser than God, who will have his people taught, not by images, but by the lively preaching of his word.