



**commandments**



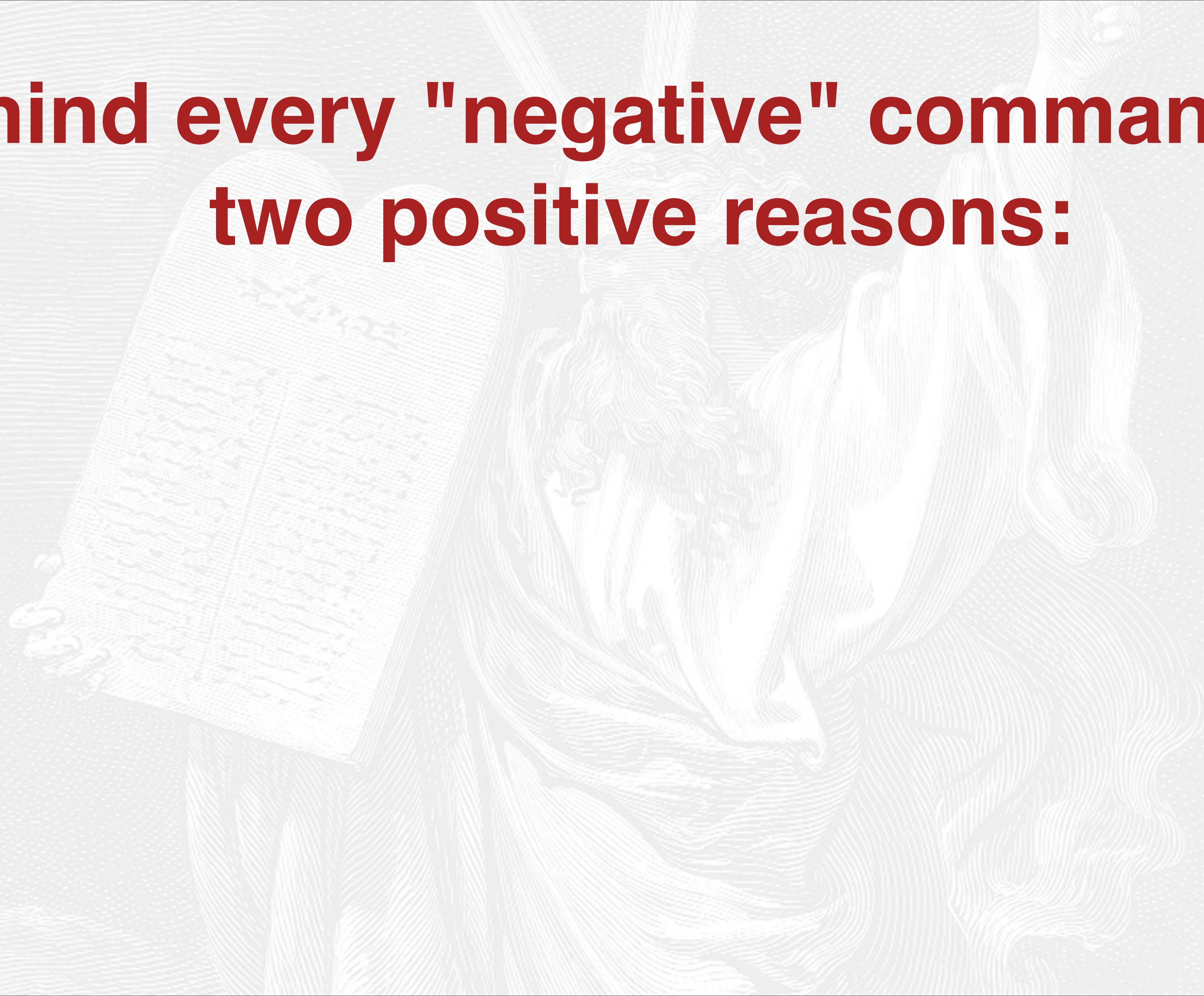


# **"No graven images"**

## **The Gods We Serve**



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- provision - to provide something better





# Exodus 20:4-6





**How can we be set free from  
the idols that imprison us?**



# Freedom from Idols





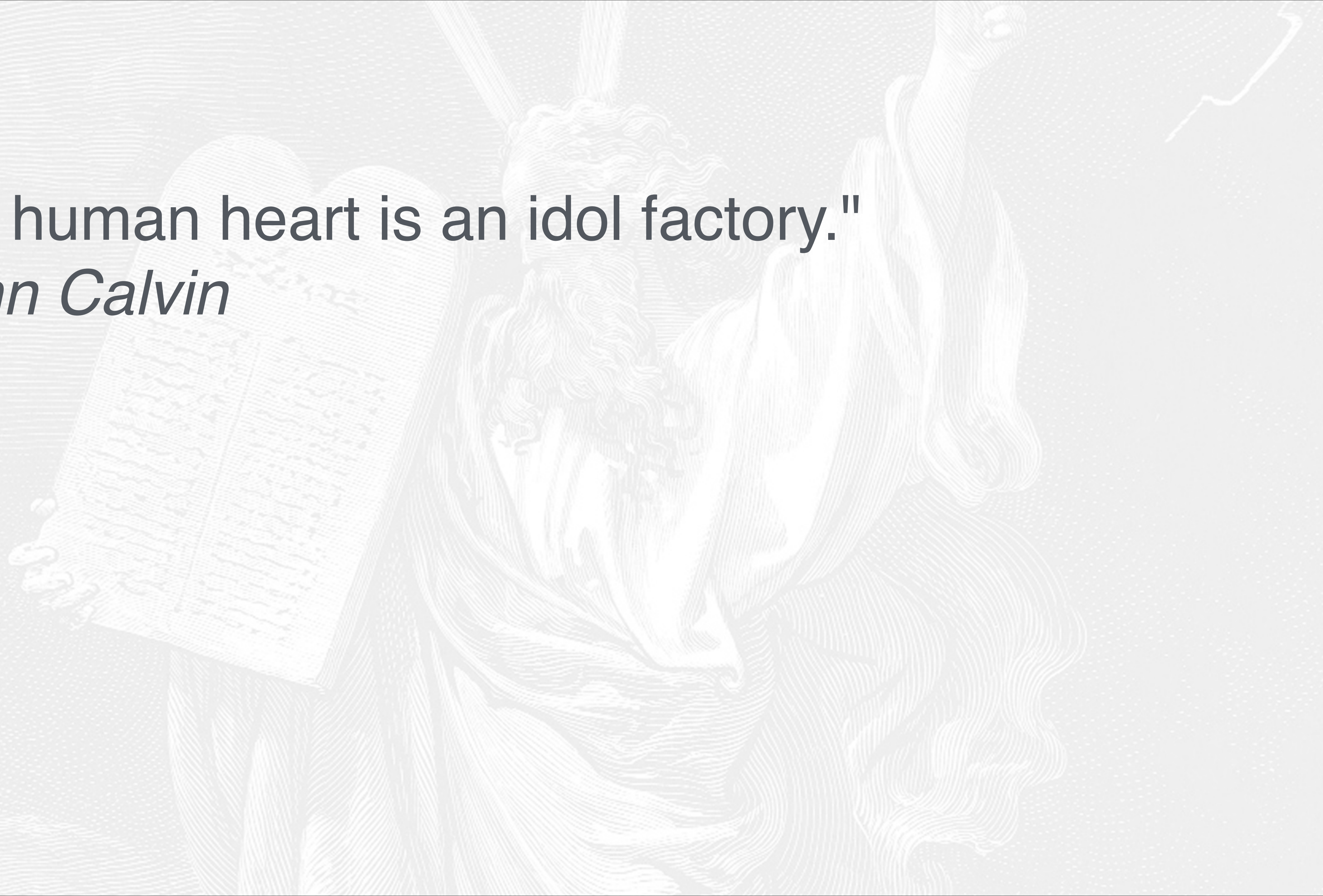
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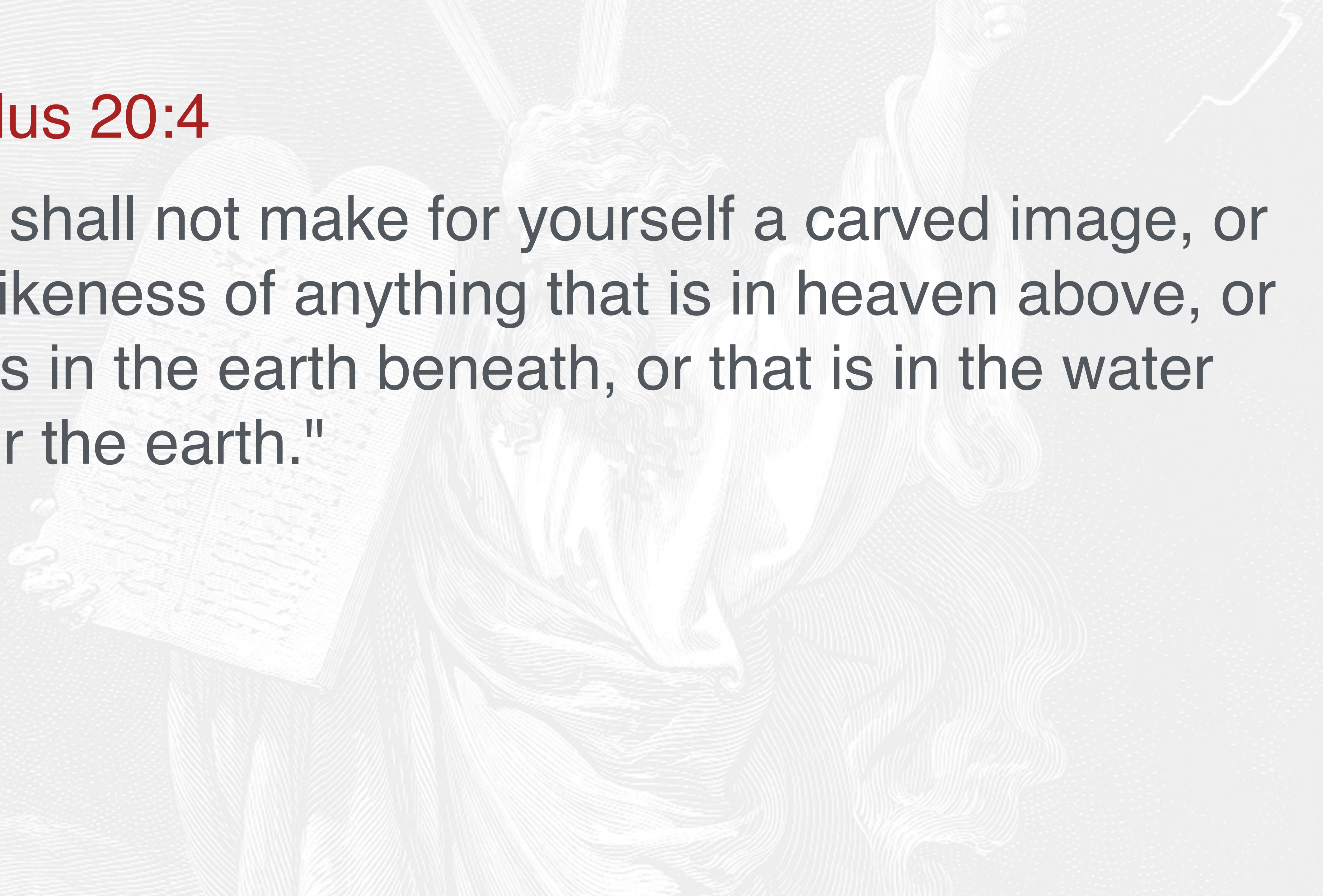
"The human heart is an idol factory."  
- *John Calvin*





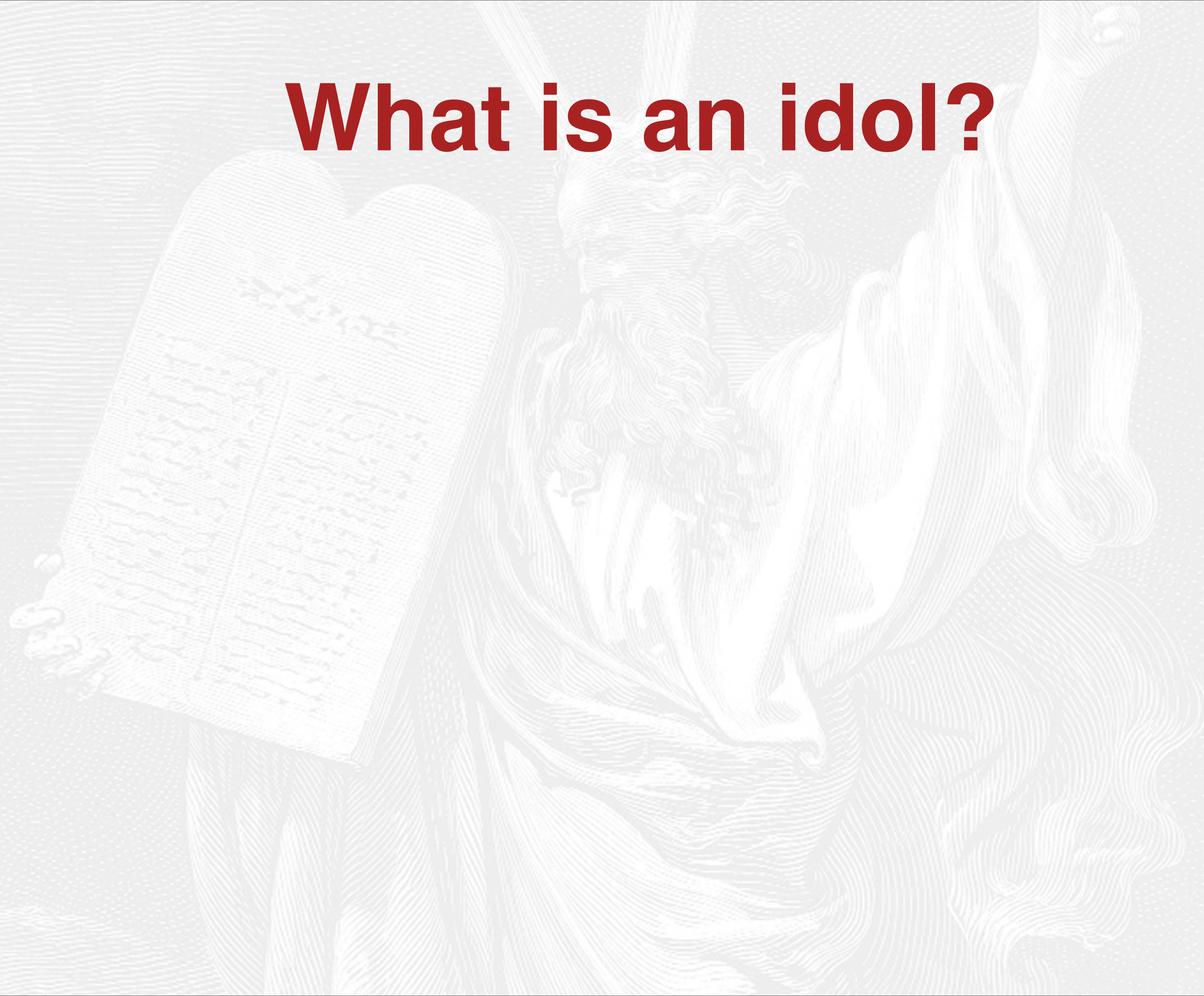
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"You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth."





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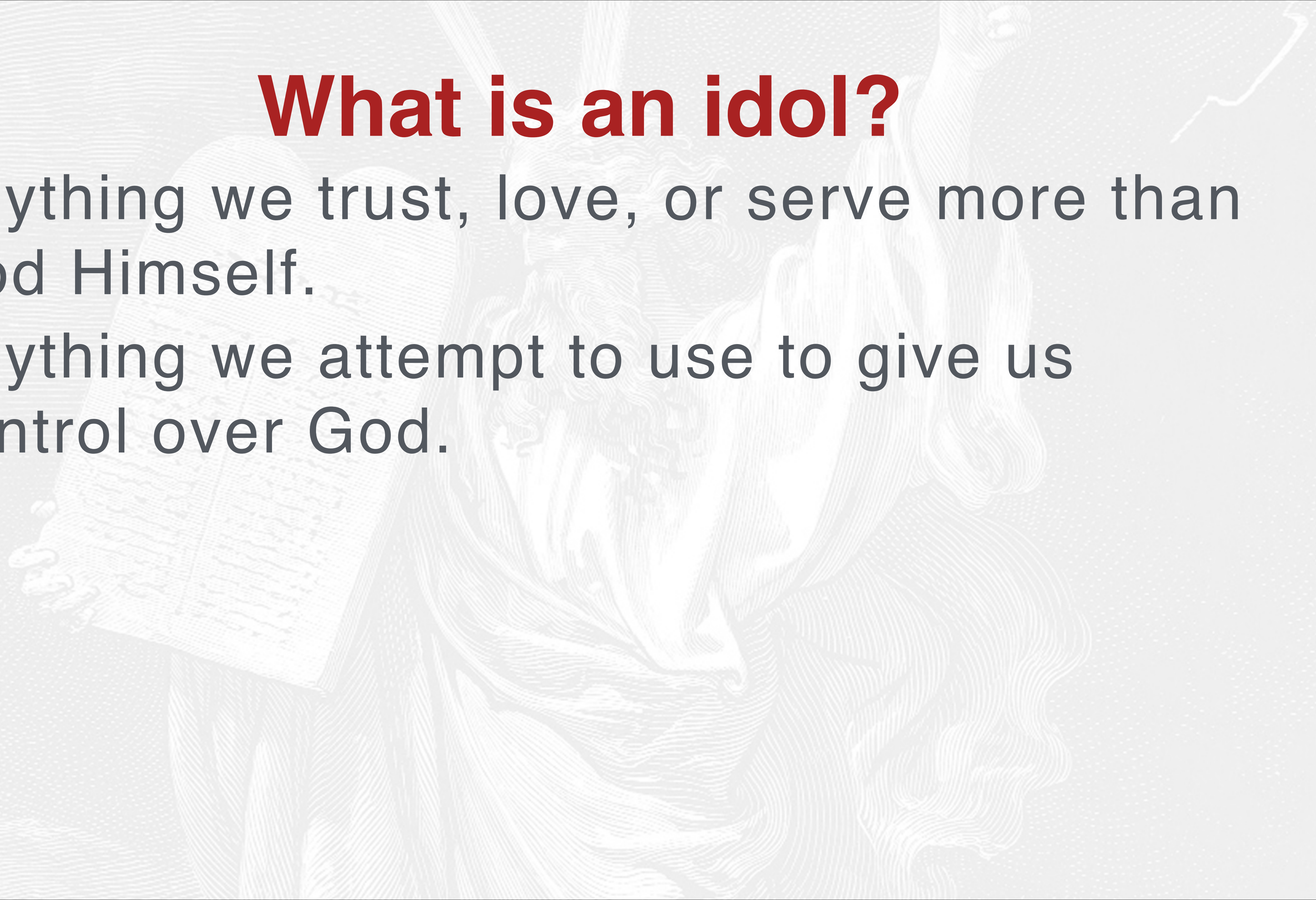
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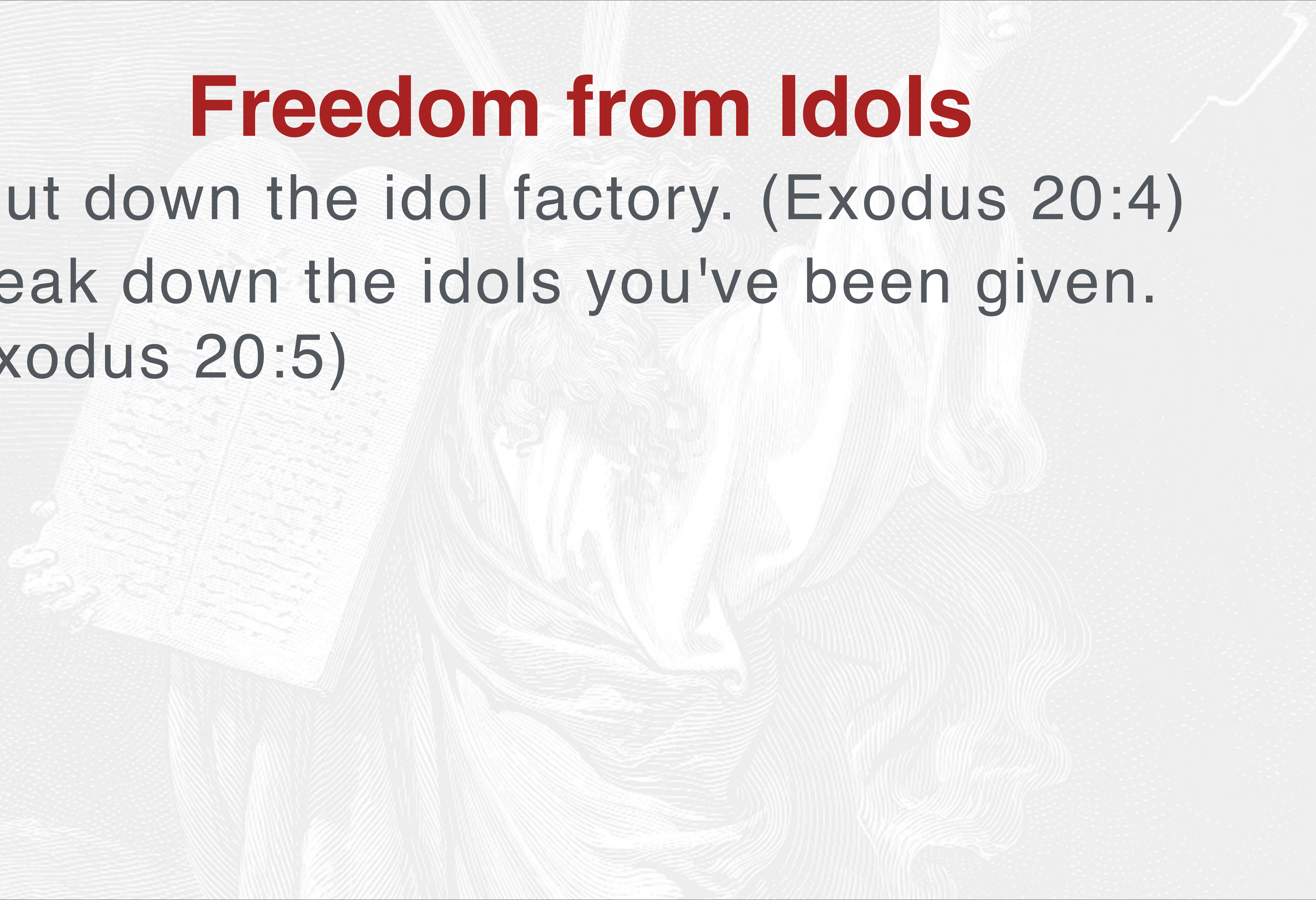
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- Anything that gives us an inaccurate picture of who God is.



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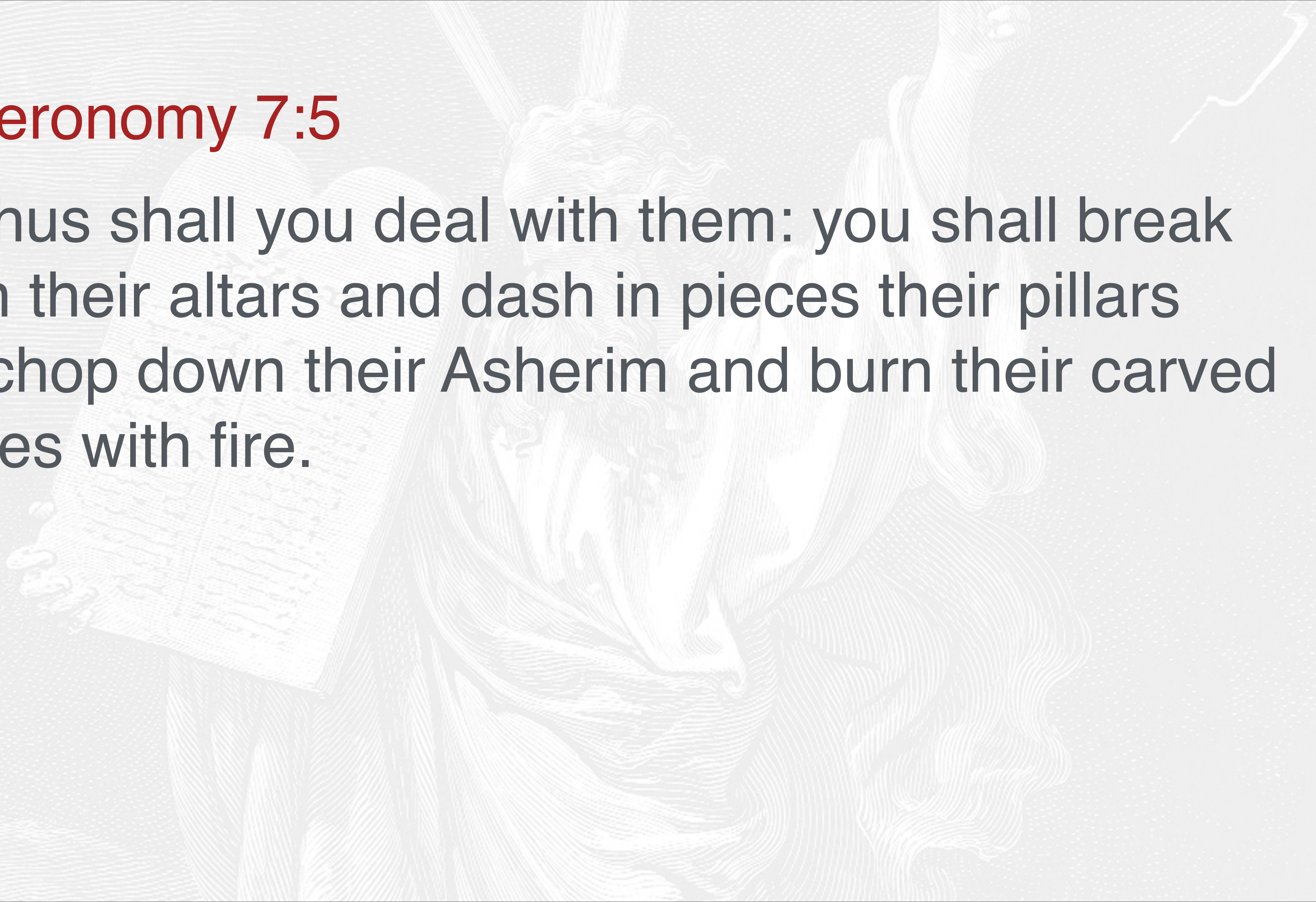
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## Deuteronomy 7:5

But thus shall you deal with them: you shall break down their altars and dash in pieces their pillars and chop down their Asherim and burn their carved images with fire.



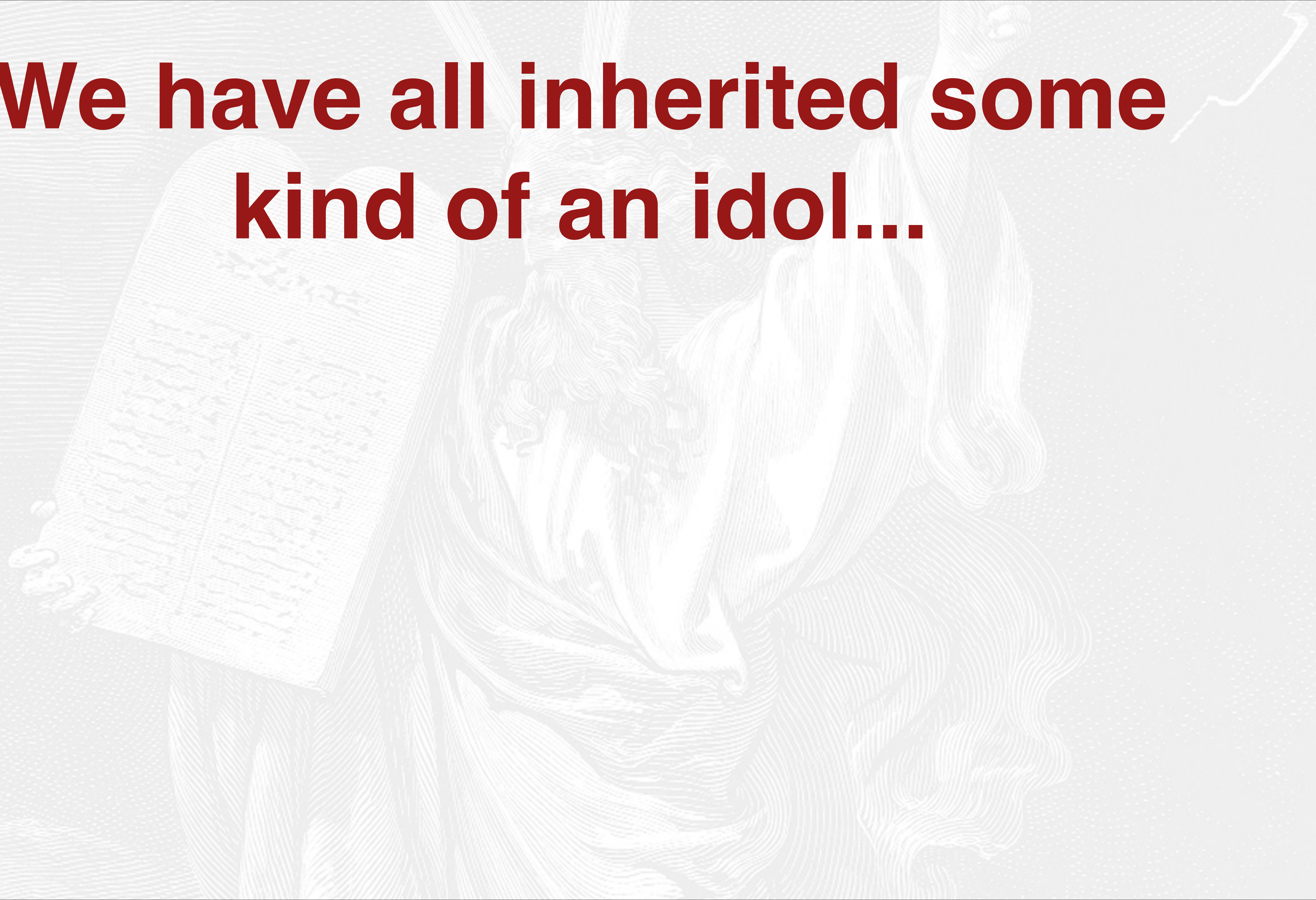


## Exodus 20:5

You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me,



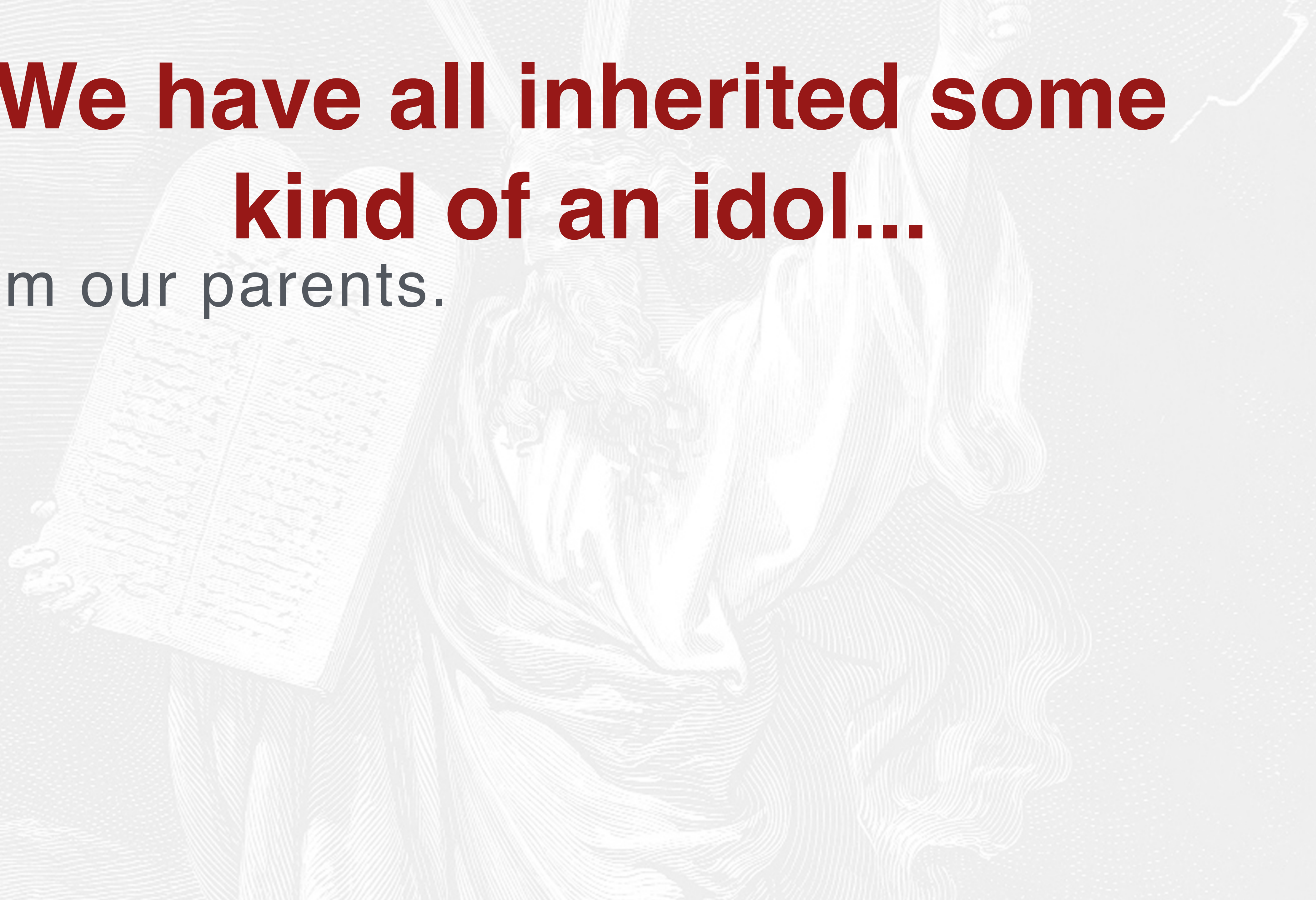
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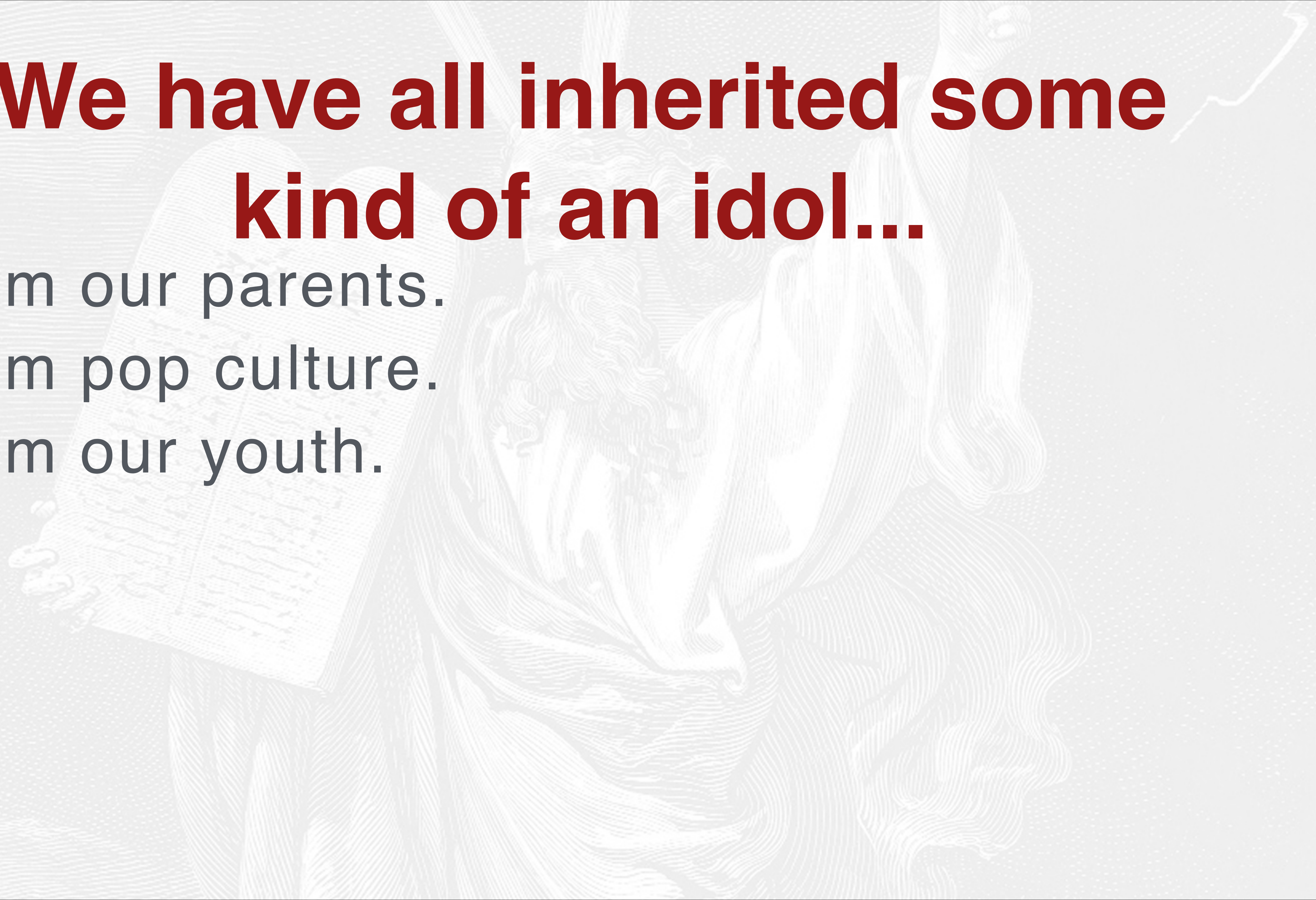
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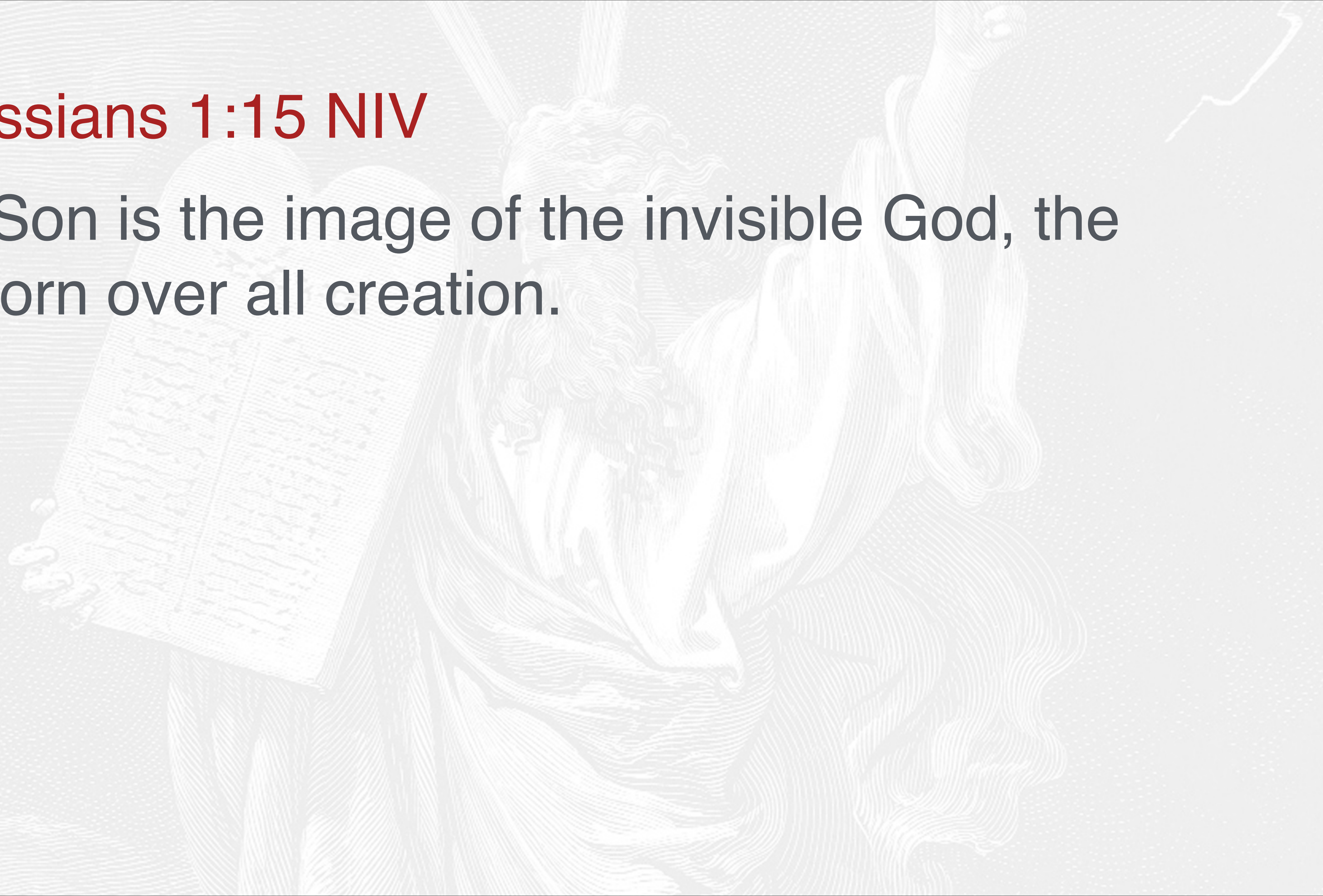
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- Lift up Christ and worship Him alone. (Exodus 20:6)



## Colossians 1:15 NIV

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.





## Hebrews 1:3 NIV

The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His being, sustaining all things by His powerful word. After He had provided purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.



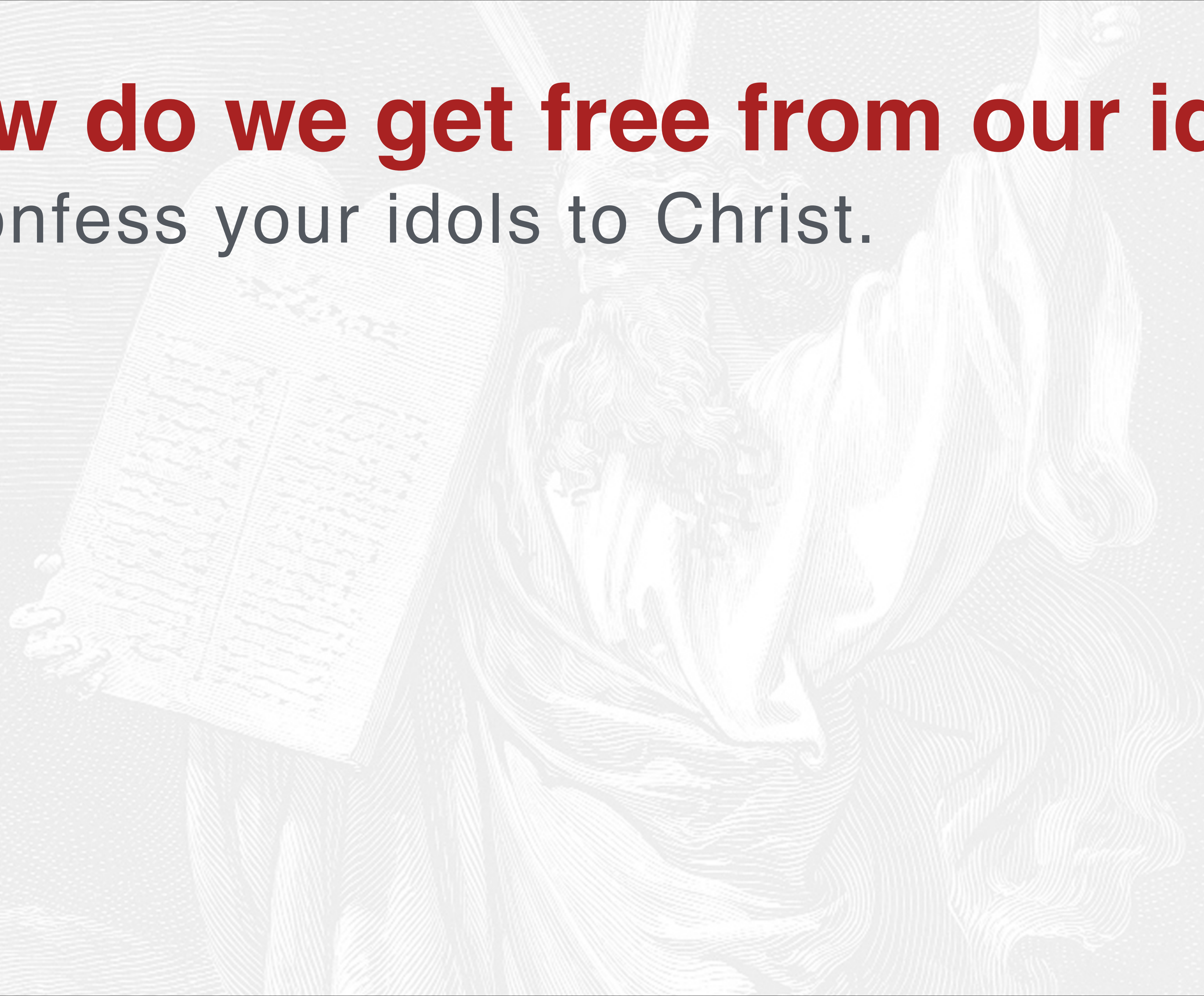
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