

moving toward idolatry, in the end they will take the worship and service that rightfully belongs only to Him and transfer it to images.

Now it's understandable why finite human beings desire to make God tangible and substantial and physically real. After all, we're bound by physical limitations. And we find it extremely difficult if not impossible to form a mental picture of a God who does not have a physical form or physical substance or physical dimension – a God who's present everywhere, and yet is invisible. It's very difficult to form a mental conception of that kind of a God. We can of course think of the biblical descriptions of God in figurative language, especially the similes and metaphors by which God is described. We can think of the biblical terms used to speak of God's thoughts and attitudes and words and actions. We can think of the biblical language that is employed to describe His personal characteristics. But it's very difficult to envision what His face is like, when we look into the face of God, or when we look to Him for His smile.

Thus it's understandable why we human beings would want to bring down to a level where we can grasp Him with our minds, where we can understand Him in a more tangible and substantial and real way. IDOLATRY DOES JUST THIS!

And it seems like such a helpful thing to do, to make such a great, invisible God more accessible, to make Him seem closer and more real and easier to grasp by means of physical, tangible representations that people can see and touch. But in making tangible images, idolatry creates and worships a god who's