"Destruction of idols and graven images, in hatred of the Lord!"

(God spoke all these words, saying, “I am Yahweh your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. “You shall have no other gods before me.) Exodus 20 : 1

With the first commandment of God quoted above, the Lord commanded us to have no other gods, that is, no other deities, because we shall have no other God before him. The deities we make for ourselves are the idols in which humankind trusts, to whom we attribute a sacred character and a divine power that they cannot have, since they are merely objects, the work of our own hands. Since the Spirit of God is present everywhere, wherever we place an idol, a false God or deity, it is always in front of us.

The Lord also commanded saying:

(“You shall not make for yourselves an idol, nor any image of anything that is in the heavens above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: you shall not bow yourself down to them, nor serve them, for I, Yahweh your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and on the fourth generation of those who hate me, and showing loving kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.) Exodus 20 : 4

With God's second commandment mentioned above, the Lord commanded us not to make idols or images or 'graven images' representing anything the Lord has created in heaven or on earth, to prostrate ourselves before them or serve them, specifying that he is a jealous God.
The following quote, for example, makes us realise that the Lord is jealous of the glory that belongs to Him:

(“I am Yahweh. That is my name. I will not give my glory to another, nor my praise to engraved images.) Isaiah 42 : 8

The images that the Lord has forbidden us to make, which he sometimes also calls by the name of 'graven images', have always been known as more or less large slabs of stone, on which an image is made, either entirely or even just a part of it.
Even if a stone slab is entirely used to make a very specific image, such as the three-dimensional figure of a human being in whole or in part, it is always called a graven image.
With reference to images or stones that are not idols to us, the Lord's jealousy surely concerns the nature of what we are representing. For example, representing a human being through a lifeless image, devoid of life and therefore without a soul, reduces that person to a dead work and offends both human nature and the glory of God, who created man with a living body and an immortal spirit.
The Lord's jealousy also consists of the servitude we pay to idols and the graven images make for ourselves. This servitude is not to the Lord, but to Satan, because the Lord has forbidden us to make these objects to worship or serve them, as specified with the second commandment in Exodus 20:4. Consequently we are doing the will of the devil and not of the Lord, whereas the Lord has commanded us to serve Him, as specified in the quotation in No. 7 saying: ‘Worship the Lord your God.’
With the following quotation in Deuteronomy, the Lord has made it clear to us that He hates the idols, that is, the images of all that He has created in heaven and on earth, as specified with the second commandment, confirming His will concerning these things:

(You shall not plant for yourselves an Asherah of any kind of tree beside Yahweh your God’s altar, which you shall make for yourselves. Neither shall you set yourself up a sacred stone which Yahweh your God hates.) Deuteronomy 16 : 21

The Lord hates these idols because of the images made in them, whatever their size and whatever the material used to make them.
This means that wherever we create these images - and not necessarily on stone tablets - the Lord will hate these objects and - rightly - those who made and make use of them for the purposes of worship or servitude.
For example, we can look at the material image of the golden calf, built by the Israelites at the time when God freed them from slavery in Egypt, to worship and serve in His place.
The scripture is as follows:

(When he finished speaking with him on Mount Sinai, he gave Moses the two tablets of the covenant, stone tablets, written with God's finger. When the people saw that Moses delayed coming down from the mountain, the people gathered themselves together to Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make us gods, which shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we don't know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the golden rings, which are in the ears of your wives, of your sons, and of your daughters, and bring them to me." All the people took off the golden rings which were in their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He received what they handed him, fashioned it with an engraving tool, and made it a molded calf. Then they said, "These are your gods, Israel, which brought you up out of the land of Egypt." When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made a proclamation, and said, "Tomorrow shall be a feast to Yahweh." They rose up early on the next day, and offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play. Yahweh spoke to Moses, "Go, get down; for your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves! They have turned away quickly out of the way which I commanded them. They have made themselves a molded calf, and have worshiped it, and have sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, Israel, which brought you up out of the land of Egypt.'") Exodus 31 : 18

This golden calf, made by the Israelites, was the image of something that God had created on Earth, comparable to the bronze serpent previously created, also by the Israelites (even if at the behest of God), and destroyed by King Hezekiah at the suggestion of the Holy Spirit, in observance of God's commandment and in fear of Him.
With this in mind, it is a good idea to read the document, 'Bronze serpent and cherubim on the Ark of the Covenant'.
Even if these images had been made solely for the purpose of serving and not to be worshipped, like many material and other images that we create every day, it would have been right to destroy them because the Lord, with his commandment in Exodus 20, 4, given at the start of the document, said: (Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them.).

This means that wherever we make these images, not necessarily on slabs of stone, the Lord will hate them, and rightly so, those who made them and who devote themselves to them.
To make these images or idols is to disrespect and not to fear the Lordship of God, since He is the master and ruler of all that He has created.
The following quotation from God the Father through the prophet Malachi makes us realise this:

(A son honours his father, and a slave his master. If I am a father, where is the honour due me? If I am a master, where is the respect due me?) Malachi 1 : 6

If we then refer to God's commandments received through Moses, the Lord commanded us to honour our earthly parents, although they are certainly in a condition of sin, like all people on earth, all the more reason for us to honour our God, as the Holy Spirit, or rather, the Most Holy.
The commandment that almost all of us know is the following:

("Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land which Yahweh your God gives you.) Exodus 20 : 12

The following seven quotations from the Holy Scripture make us realise what the Lord's will is with regard to idols and images that we mistakenly make for ourselves: namely, their destruction:

(1)

(Yahweh spoke to Moses in the plains of Moab by the Jordan at Jericho, saying, Speak to the children of Israel, and tell them, "When you pass over the Jordan into the land of Canaan, then you shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you, destroy all their stone idols, destroy all their molten images, and demolish all their high places. You shall take possession of the land, and dwell therein; for I have given the land to you to possess it.) Numbers 33 : 50

(2)

(I will destroy witchcraft from your hand. You shall have no soothsayers. I will cut off your engraved images and your pillars from among you; and you shall no more worship the work of your hands. I will uproot your Asherah poles from among you; and I will destroy your cities. I will execute vengeance in anger and wrath on the nations that didn't listen.") Micah 5 : 12

(3)
(But you shall deal with them like this: you shall break down their altars, dash their pillars in pieces, cut down their Asherah poles, and burn their engraved images with fire. For you are a holy people to Yahweh your God. Yahweh your God has chosen you to be a people for his own possession, above all peoples who are on the face of the earth.) Deuteronomy 7 : 5

(4)
(You shall burn the engraved images of their gods with fire. You shall not covet the silver or the gold that is on them, nor take it for yourself, lest you be snared in it; for it is an abomination to Yahweh your God. You shall not bring an abomination into your house and become a devoted thing like it. You shall utterly detest it. You shall utterly abhor it; for it is a devoted thing.) Deuteronomy 7 : 25

(5)
(These are the statutes and the ordinances which you shall observe to do in the land which Yahweh, the God of your fathers, has given you to possess all the days that you live on the earth. You shall surely destroy all the places in which the nations that you shall dispossess served their gods: on the high mountains, and on the hills, and under every green tree. You shall break down their altars, dash their pillars in pieces, and burn their Asherah poles with fire. You shall cut down the engraved images of their gods. You shall destroy their name out of that place.) Deuteronomy 12 : 1

(6)
(Observe that which I command you today. Behold, I will drive out before you the Amorite, the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite. Be careful, lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land where you are going, lest it be for a snare among you; but you shall break down their altars, and dash in pieces their pillars, and you shall cut down their Asherah poles; for you shall worship no other god; for Yahweh, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God.) Exodus 34 : 11

(7)
(“Behold, I send an angel before you, to keep you by the way, and to bring you into the place which I have prepared. Pay attention to him, and listen to his voice. Don’t provoke him, for he will not pardon your disobedience, for my name is in him. But if you indeed listen to his voice, and do all that I speak, then I will be an enemy to your enemies, and an adversary to your adversaries. For my angel shall go before you, and bring you in to the Amorite, the Hittite, the Perizzite, the Canaanite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite; and I will cut them off. You shall not bow down to their gods, nor serve them, nor follow their practices, but you shall utterly overthrow them and demolish their pillars. You shall serve Yahweh your God, and he will bless your bread and your water, and I will take sickness away from among you. No one will miscarry or be barren in your land. I will fulfill the number of your days.) Exodus 23 : 20

Doing God's will by keeping his commandments means not going against the curse that he put before us through Moses, giving us the freedom to choose between good and evil, between blessing and hardship, physical and spiritual. For the Lord said:

(See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse: the blessing if you obey the commands of the Lord your God that I am giving you today; the curse if you disobey the commands of the Lord your God and turn from the way that I command you today by following other gods, which you have not known.) Deuteronomy 11 : 26
