In this homily, Jacob essentially insists on two main themes: that God-and God alone!—is the creator of everything that exists; and that everything that exists was created by God from nothing. Not to acknowledge these two fundamental principles leads inevitably to idolatry, an idolatry into which the world had already plunged when God chose to reveal Himself and the mystery of His creation to Moses on Mt. Sinai.

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