



“Golden Calf”

Outbreak of Idolatry
Exodus 32:1-9

The outbreak is linked to our:

I. Attention – “Moses...what is become of him” (vs. 1-4)

Misuse of our:

- A. Time** - “the people saw that Moses delayed”
- B. Talent** – “said unto him, up, make us gods”
- C. Treasure** – “brake off the golden earrings”

II. Appetite – “when Aaron saw it, he built an altar” (vs. 5-6)

Manipulated by:

- A. Religion** - “built an altar...made proclamation”
- B. Rations** – “the people sat down to eat and drink”
- C. Recreation** - “and rose up to play”

III. Attitude - “I have seen this people” (vs. 7-9)

Misbehavior as a result of:

- A. Distrust** – “out of the way which I commanded them”
- B. Deception** – “gods...brought thee up out of...Egypt”
- C. Defiance** – “this people...behold is a stiffnecked people”

Sentence Sermon:

“Nothing teaches us about the preciousness of the Creator as much as when we learn the emptiness of everything else.”

— Charles Spurgeon

Additional Verses

- **Exodus 3:20-22**
- **Exodus 20:23**
- **Romans 1:21-24**
- **Proverbs 29:18**
- **Romans 3:10-12**
- **Psalms 106:19-23**
- **Exodus 24:18**
- **Colossians 3:5**
- **I John 5:21**
- **I Corinthians 8:4-6; 10:14-21**
- **II Corinthians 6:16**
- **Exodus 34:14**

Questions to Ponder:

1. What are the key words or phrases in this passage?
2. Who is the central character of the passage?
3. Why was Moses absence a big deal to the people?
4. Who is credited with leading the people out of Egypt?
5. What misuse of resources do we see in this passage?
6. What is the significance of the calf being made of gold?
7. Why did Aaron position an altar in front of the calf?
8. Why did Israel offer burnt and peace offerings?
9. Why did God call Israel a stiffnecked people?
10. What are idols worshiped by people today?
11. What “golden calf” is most tempting in your life?
12. Why does God say, “my name is jealous” in Exodus 34:14?