

## Idolatry: Doubting the Sufficiency of God

Exodus 32

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Left to ourselves we will worship something other than the living God. The human heart is an idol factory.

What is idolatry? It is putting something or someone in the place of God.

- Brad Bigney describes an idol of the heart this way: anything or anyone that begins to capture our hearts, minds, and affections more than God.
- Anything we look to above Christ for joy, security, peace, meaning, significance, identity, or salvation.
  - Money, sex, respect, romantic relationships, approval of others, secure and safe circumstances, beauty, success

### **Read 32:1-6**

While Moses was on the mountain with the living God, the people were in camp fashioning a false God.

- Though they were brought out of Egypt, Egypt was still in them.

- 1 Corinthians 10:6-8, 11-14

They had just said in Exodus 24:3 - "We will do everything that the Lord has commanded." Yet we find them rejecting God's word.

They fell when they forgot God's grace :: Psalm 106:19-22; 2 Peter 1:5-9

- Psalm 106:19-21; 2 Peter 1:5-9

They fell because they exchanged the glory of God :: Romans 1:22-25

### **Read 32:7-14**

God relented because of Moses' intercession :: Psalm 106:23

How did Moses intercede? He appealed to God's character and faithfulness in prayer

**32:15-29**

Moses Confronted Aaron, Aaron shifted the blame, some joined Moses and others didn't.

Aaron shifts blame onto the people.

- This is contrary to Psalm 51:4,7,10

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3,000 idolaters who would not turn back to the Lord were killed.

- This seems harsh but it was necessary for the purity of God's people.

**Read 32:30-35**

Moses atones for their sin.