

Women in the Word
Exodus 32 – 33:1 – 6
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Fake Gods, False Worship, Feeble Excuses BUT – The Power of Intercessory Prayer

The Making of the Calf (Exodus 32:1 – 6)

- Two months before
- Where was Moses?
- “Make us a god. . .”
- Aaron’s weakness
- Aaron fashions a calf
- The people respond sinfully
- “They exchanged the glory of God for an ox.” (Ps. 106: 19 -20)

God’s Response and Moses’ Intercession (Exodus 32:7 – 14)

- God confronts Moses
- He wants to destroy them.
- Moses’ bold intercession
- “And God relented. . . “
Anthropomorphism

Moses’ Wrath (Exodus 32: 15 – 20)

- He smashes the tablets.
- He destroys the golden calf
- He confronts Aaron.

Aaron's Feeble Excuses (Exodus 32:21 – 24)

- Excuse # 1 – “These people are set on mischief.”
- Excuse # 2 – “We thought you were dead.”
- Excuse # 3 – “I took the gold, threw it in the fire, and out came this calf.”
- The Contrast of David

The Faithfulness of the Levites (Exodus 32:25 - 29)

- Who is on the LORD's side?
- 3000 are slain

Moses' Renewed Intercession (Exodus 32:30 – 35)

- Moses pleads for the people
- He wanted God's glory to be restored
- Moses points to one Greater than himself.
- God will grant mercy and grace, but God will punish.
- Moses pleads for Aaron's life

Our Response

- What idols do we follow or admire?
- What is our worship like?
Syncretism
- God is a Holy God
- God's Glory is at stake
- The power of intercessory prayer

Some questions to ponder –

1. Why do people prefer to worship things and people rather than God? What are the demands of each? What does each promise and deliver? What are the eternal rewards of each?
2. How does human pride interfere with obedience to God? Why do we resist worshiping God in the manner He prescribed?
3. Along with praise and thanksgiving, confession and prayer, for your own needs, what percentage of your prayer time is spent in intercession for others?
4. The people wanted the golden calf because they were impatient. What sorts of situations tempt you to become impatient with God?
5. Why was the making of the golden calf such a great sin?

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