



L2.L44: The Golden Calf

Exodus 24 & 32

Moses went to the top of the mountain where God gave him detailed instructions on God's law and constructing the tabernacle. God also wrote the Ten Commandments on two tablets of stone and gave them to him. While Moses was away for 40 days, the people began to wonder when he would return. Not knowing what had happened to Moses, the people took matters into their own hands.

Discuss:

- The people had made a covenant with God saying they would do everything that God told them to do. Did they really keep their word?
- What was Aaron's role in creating the idol? Why did Aaron participate in the worship of an idol? Did God hold Aaron accountable for his actions (Exodus 32:21–25; Deuteronomy 9:20)?
- What was Moses' reaction to Israel's sin? Was it wrong for Moses to be angry? What are the limitations God puts on human anger (Ephesians 4:26)?
- There are always consequences for sin. What are some of the consequences for Israel's worship of the golden calf?



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Memory Challenge:

Exodus 19:5–6

Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine. And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.