

# Golden Calf

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## Golden Oldies, Pt.2

Exodus 32

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**Exodus 20:1**, *And God spoke all these words: 2 "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. 3 "You shall have no other gods before me. 4 "You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. 5 You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, 6 but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.*

1) We Are All Prone to Make IDOLS

**Exodus 32:1**, *When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said, "Come, make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him."*

2) Idols Always Come at a COST

**Exodus 32:2**, *Aaron answered them, "Take off the gold earrings that your wives, your sons and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me." 3 So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron. 4 He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool. Then they said, "These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt."*

3) Once an Idol Is Made - It Will Be WORSHIPPED

**Exodus 32:5**, *When Aaron saw this, he built an altar in front of the calf and announced, "Tomorrow there will be a festival to the LORD." 6 So the next day the people rose early and sacrificed burnt offerings*

*and presented fellowship offerings. Afterward they sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.*

#### 4) Everyone Has an EXCUSE for Their Idol

**Exodus 32:21**, *He said to Aaron, "What did these people do to you, that you led them into such great sin?" 22 "Do not be angry, my lord," Aaron answered. "You know how prone these people are to evil. 23 They said to me, 'Make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him.' 24 So I told them, 'Whoever has any gold jewelry, take it off.' Then they gave me the gold, and I threw it into the fire, and out came this calf!"*

#### 5) God Is Gracious and Ultimately Wants the Best FOR US

**Exodus 32:11**, *But Moses sought the favor of the LORD his God. "LORD," he said, "why should your anger burn against your people, whom you brought out of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand? ... 14 Then the LORD relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.*

### **What Are Our Idols?**