

FASHIONED IT

EXODUS 24:9-18, 32, 33:11

Text: Exodus 32:4

(Exo 32:4) "And he received them at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, after he had made it a molten calf: and they said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt."

Introduction:

Recount the story in Exodus 24

(Exo 24:9-18) "Then went up Moses, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel: {10} And they saw the God of Israel: and there was under his feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone, and as it were the body of heaven in his clearness. {11} And upon the nobles of the children of Israel he laid not his hand: also they saw God, and did eat and drink. {12} And the LORD said unto Moses, Come up to me into the mount, and be there: and I will give thee tables of stone, and a law, and commandments which I have written; that thou mayest teach them. {13} And Moses rose up, and his minister Joshua: and Moses went up into the mount of God. {14} And he said unto the elders, Tarry ye here for us, until we come again unto you: and, behold, Aaron and

Hur are with you: if any man have any matters to do, let him come unto them. {15} And Moses went up into the mount, and a cloud covered the mount. {16} And the glory of the LORD abode upon mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days: and the seventh day he called unto Moses out of the midst of the cloud. {17} And the sight of the glory of the LORD was like devouring fire on the top of the mount in the eyes of the children of Israel. {18} And Moses went into the midst of the cloud, and gat him up into the mount: and Moses was in the mount forty days and forty nights."

- Request

- A. Tarry ye here for us

Moses was up in the mountain receiving the ten commandments, and Joshua was waiting patiently at the foot of the mountain but Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, and the seventy elders rejected to request left there post and went back to the camp

- Rejection

- A. It was after they rejected the request began to question what the man of God, Moses had spoken to them that the trouble began.

Keep in mind what had just happened 40 days earlier they said:

(Exo 24:3) "And Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD, and all the judgments: and all the people answered with one voice, and said, All the words which the LORD hath said will we do."

Just 40 days had passed and notice what happened.

1. THE PEOPLE (32:1)

A. Restless

1. Could have and should have been praying for their leader and Joshua.

B. Reasoned (Wondered what happened to Moses)

C. Requested (Make us a gods)

2. THE PRIEST (AARON) VS 2

A Rambunctious

1. Never stayed at the mount where he was told to stay.
2. Never prayed about the request or his response to the people.

3. Was a follower instead of a leader.

B. Responded

1. To the desires of the people.

(Acts 5:29) "Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men."

C. Rallied

3. THE PERFECTING (VS 4)

The Word of God tells us that after he had made a molten calf he then pulled out the graving tools and began to perfect his golden calf.

It was bad enough that Aaron the priest had done such a outrageous deed, but now he is trying to perfect his creation.

Many today are trying to perfect their little calf.

A. Rationalize their wrong.

B. Restructure its meaning

1. Drunkenness to Alcoholism

2. Sodomy to Gay

3. Murder to Abortion & Choice

C. Reverse Right & Wrong

(Isa 5:20-21) "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! {21} Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!"

D. Reverence Wrong

(Exo 32:5-6) "And when Aaron saw it, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation, and said, To morrow is a feast to the LORD. {6} And they rose up early on the morrow, and offered burnt offerings,....."

4. PLAYING (LEWDNESS)

(Exo 32:6) "And they rose up early on the morrow, and offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play."

(Exo 32:25) "And when Moses saw that the people were naked; (for Aaron had made them naked unto their shame among their enemies:)"

Results from perfecting our golden calves

5. PERJURY

(Exo 32:22-24) "And Aaron said, Let not the anger of my lord wax hot: thou knowest the people, that they are set on mischief. {23} For they said unto me, Make us gods, which shall go before us: for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him. {24} And I said unto them, Whosoever hath any gold, let them break it off. So they gave it me: then I cast it into the fire, and there came out this calf."

6. PROCLAMATION

(Exo 32:26) "Then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, Who is on the LORD'S side? let him come unto me. And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together unto him."

A. We too must choose which side we are on

7. PUNISHMENT

A. People

1. Perished (3000) died that day
2. Plagued vs 35

B. Priest

1. Prevented from seeing the promise land.

8. PROMOTION

A. Joshua became the next leader, not Aaron, , Abihu, or the seventy elders, that was privileged to lead the children of Israel into the promise land.

Close:

God helps us to be obedient to the commands of God and to destroy the golden calves in our lives.