

The Problem of Idolatry

God's Exodus People

Exodus 32

Idolatry:

Anything we put above God.

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Exodus 32:1-9

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- ✦ We commit idolatry because of spiritual adultery.

Exodus 32:2,6

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Exodus 32:10, 15-20, 25-29, 35

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Colossians 3:5-6

Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. (NIV®)

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- ✦ Spiritual Ruin
- ✦ Relational Ruin

Exodus 32:25-29

**How can we overcome
and have hope?**

Exodus 32:11-14, 21-24, 30-34

Mediator:

“Someone who brings two enemies together and makes it possible for them to be friends again.”

Intercede:

To speak on someone else's behalf.

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Exodus 32:22-24

Acts 3:19-20a

Repent therefore, and turn back,
that your sins may be blotted out,
that times of refreshing may come
from the presence of the Lord... (ESV)

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- ✦ Ownership of sin.
- ✦ A substitute Savior.

Exodus 32:30-34

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The next day Moses said to the people, “You have committed a great sin. But now I will go up to the Lord; perhaps I can make atonement for your sin.” (NIV®)

Atoning:

“Providing a way of coming back into
friendship with someone.”

Exodus 32:32

But now, please forgive their sin
—but if not, then blot me out of
the book you have written.” (NIV®)

*Lay down your idols at the
foot of the cross.*