

CHURCH PRAYER MEETING

Text: Exodus 32

MOSES IN THE MOUNTAIN WITH GOD

1. No appreciation
 2. Length of stay seen as "a delay" Exodus 32:1
 3. Dark thoughts
"As for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, We do not know what has become of him." Exodus 32:1
- a) Scant regard for Moses
 - b) He could have died for all they cared

THE MOVE TOWARDS IDOLATROUS WORSHIP

1. Made by the children of Israel
- a) They approached Aaron
 - b) Suggestion presented
"Come, make us gods that shall go before us..." Exodus 32:1
2. Aaron's response
- a) Break of the golden earrings (wives, sons, daughters) Exodus 32:2-3
 - b) After these were brought to him he fashioned it with an engraving tool and made a molded calf Exodus 32:4
 - c) He presented the golden calf as the god who brought the children of Israel out of Egypt Exodus 32:4

DEVELOPMENT OF CALF WORSHIP

1. He built an altar before the golden calf Exodus 32:5
 2. Public proclamation
"Tomorrow is a feast to the LORD" Exodus 32:5
 3. Response of the children of Israel
- a) They brought burnt offerings
 - b) And peace offerings
 - c) They sat down to eat and drink
 - d) They rose up to play Exodus 32:5
(euphemism for immoral activities)

A SIGNIFICANT TURN-AROUND!

1. The children of Israel had abandoned their God so swiftly
2. They entered into Calf-Worship so readily
3. Aaron's spiritual leadership is in serious doubt
4. Why was there such an attraction to idolatrous worship?
 - a) No genuine faith
 - b) Egyptian influence
5. Commentary
Psalm 78