

THE GOLDEN CALF

Scripture Reading: Exodus 32:1-4

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Introduction:

1. The OT was written for our learning -Ro 15:4; 1Co 10:11
2. There are many lessons to be gleaned from the golden calf.
3. From Israel's example we learn the value of...

I. PATIENCE -Ex. 32:1-6

A. WAITING FOR MOSES

1. The people gave up too soon. They did not know what had happened to him.
2. They quickly turned from God unto idol worship.
3. They quickly forgot the presence of the Lord -Ex 20:18-21

B. TODAY: WAITING FOR CHRIST -2Pe 3:1-ff

1. People question the coming of Christ -vs. 4
2. People were turning away quick in the days of Paul -Ga 1:6

II. LEADERSHIP

A. AARON'S MISTAKE

1. He gave into the will of the people -vs. 2-6
2. He did them no favors -vs. 21-25

B. PLEA FOR TODAY

1. Elders are to be watchful -Ac 20:28-31
2. Preachers are to proclaim truth -2Ti 4:1-5

III. INTERCESSION

A. MOSES INTERCEDES FOR THE PEOPLE -De 9:13-20

1. God would have destroyed the nation
2. He would have destroyed Aaron

B. JESUS IS OUR INTERCESSOR TODAY

1. We all sin and fall short of God's glory -Ro 3:23; 1Jn 1:8-10
2. Jesus is our:
 - a. Advocate -1Jn 2:2
 - b. High Priest -He 4:15
 - c. Mediator -1Ti 2:5

Conclusion:

1. We strive to live pure and holy lives before God.
2. We keep our minds focused upon the return of Christ.