

Silver Creek Fellowship NOTES

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EXODUS THE SACRED COW

MOVEMENT 1: THE DOMESTICATED GOD

Exodus 32:1-3 (ESV) *The Golden Calf* "When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered themselves together to Aaron and said to him, "Up, make us gods who shall go before us. 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."² So Aaron said to them, "Take off the rings of gold that are in the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me."³ So all the people took off the rings of gold that were in their ears and brought them to Aaron."

Exodus 12:12b (ESV) "...and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD."

Exodus 32:4-5 (ESV) "And he received the gold from their hand and fashioned it with a graving tool and made a golden calf. And they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!"⁵ When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it. And Aaron made a proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a feast to the LORD."

Exodus 20:1-6 (NIV) 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.

Exodus 10: 22-23 (NIV) "Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the Israelites this: 'You have seen for yourselves that I have spoken to you from heaven: '²³ Do not make any gods to be alongside me; do not make for yourselves gods of silver or gods of gold."

Exodus 24:3-4, 7 (NIV) "When Moses went and told the people all the Lord's words and laws, they responded with one voice, "Everything the Lord has said we will do."⁷ Moses then wrote down everything the Lord had said.

⁷ Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it to the people. They responded, "We will do everything the Lord has said; we will obey."

Exodus 32:6 (ESV) "And they rose up early the next day and offered burnt offerings and brought peace offerings. And the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play."

Exodus 32:6 (NASB) "So the next day they got up early and offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and got up to engage in lewd behavior."

MOVEMENT 2: INVITED INTO THE GAP

Exodus 32:7-14 (ESV) "And the Lord said to Moses, "Go down, for your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves."⁸ They have turned aside quickly out of the way that I commanded them. They have made for themselves a golden calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'"⁹ And the Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, and behold, it is a stiff-necked people."¹⁰ Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, in order that I may make a great nation of you."

¹¹ But Moses implored the Lord his God and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you have brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and