



Grace Assembly Of God

CHAPTER-BY-CHAPTER BIBLE READING DEVOTIONAL

Scripture:	Exodus 32	Title:	Misplaced Worship
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Summary of Chapter	A distressing account of idol creation; idol worship; God's anger against that; Moses's intercession and destruction of the two tablets of commandments; God's judgment through i) a bloody massacre of about 3000 people and ii) a plague.		
Key Verse(s) NLT	How does it speak to me?		
⁸ <i>"How quickly they have turned away from the way I commanded them to live! They have melted gold and made a calf, and they have bowed down and sacrificed to it. They are saying, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you out of the land of Egypt.'"</i>	<p>When the Israelites did not see Moses come down from the mountain after a long time, they felt insecure about who would lead them henceforth. Upon their request, Aaron readily created a golden calf out of their gold earrings and they worshipped it. Despite God being the one who delivered them out of Egypt, they could not trust that He would continue to go before them but instead misplaced their worship onto an immediate and tangible calf. The Lord's anger burned against them as a result.</p> <p>When I left my job two years ago in order to pursue studies at a Bible college, what was right before my eyes were the figures of my bank account steadily decreasing! What was not immediately observable to me were the valuable lessons I would learn and how my relationship with God would grow. Despite hearing clearly from God on leaving my job in this season, I became fearful and doubtful when I thought about financial stability, career progression and the identity I've built through the years in my profession. God had to confront and strip away these "gods" that I have unknowingly regarded with great worth, and placed my security in. If worship is worth-ship, ascribing ultimate worth to God in response to His supreme worthiness, what do I consider as most worthy to me I ask? To be honest, I still struggle to completely put my trust in God and consider Him as most worthy and most important.</p> <p>The Lord reminds you and me today, how he burns against a misplaced worship; and calls us to return worth-ship unto Him, according to God His rightful place in our lives as Deliverer, Lord and King.</p>		
APPLICATION REFLECTIONS			
Adult:	Are there "gods" (tangible/non-tangible) that you find security in and ascribe worth to? That have unknowingly taken the place of God in your life?		
Youth:	Being in this world of social media, instant foods and technology, to what extent does it contribute to a culture of impatience and instant gratification? How does this impact faith and worship?		
Child:	What is a game/person/place/activity that you love very much? Try telling someone why you can't help but love it so much. Worship of God is like that, when you know how great and wonderful God is and can't help but tell Him you love Him so much.		
PRAYER			
Praying Scripture:	Our Father in Heaven, we come before you a Holy and Jealous God who demands no other gods before You. We confess if we have misplaced worship with other gods even if they may seem legitimate. Lord forgive us and help us to return worship unto You, for You alone are worthy of it. Amen.		
Thanksgiving Prayer:	I/We thank You for _____ (e.g. delicious food we ate, places we went, prayer that was answered, etc)		
Intercessory Prayer:	I/We want to pray for _____ (e.g. healing of sickness, family members, work or study, leaders, nation, etc)		
Salvation Prayer:	I/We pray for the salvation of my/our unsaved loved ones _____ (add one name per day). In Jesus' Name I/we pray. Amen.		