

Week 10: “A Long Time In The Making”

1. READ

Pastor Watley’s Scripture: Exodus 32: 1 - 5 New King James Version (NKJV)

Now when the people saw that Moses delayed coming down from the mountain, the people gathered together to Aaron, and said to him, “Come, make us ^[a]gods that shall go before us; for *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 And Aaron said to them, “Break off the golden earrings which *are* in the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring *them* to me.” ³ So all the people broke off the golden earrings which *were* in their ears, and brought *them* to Aaron. ⁴ And he received *the gold* from their hand, and he fashioned it with an engraving tool, and made a molded calf.

Then they said, “This *is* your god, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt!”

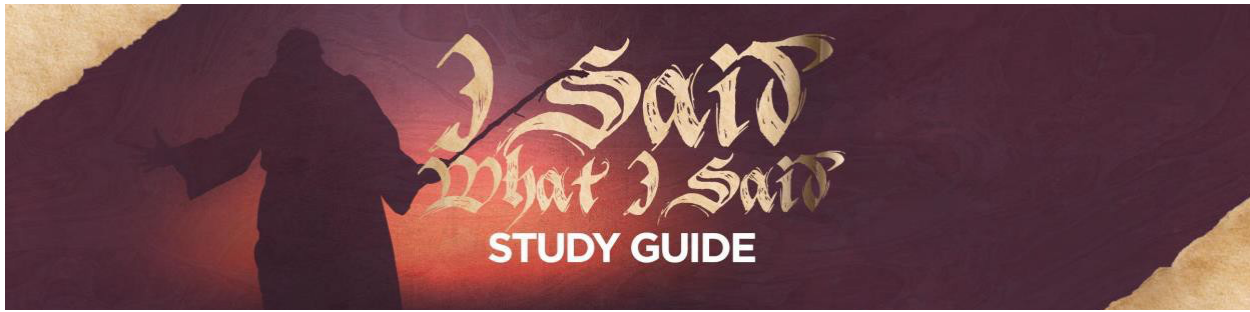
⁵ So when Aaron saw *it*, he built an altar before it. And Aaron made a proclamation and said, “Tomorrow *is* a feast to the LORD.”

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¹⁹ So it was, as soon as he came near the camp, that he saw the calf *and* the dancing. So, Moses’ anger became hot, and he cast the tablets out of his hands and broke them at the foot of the mountain. ²⁰ Then he took the calf which they had made, burned *it* in the fire, and ground *it* to powder; and he scattered *it* on the water and made the children of Israel drink *it*.

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²⁵ Now when Moses saw that the people *were* unrestrained (for Aaron had not restrained them, to *their* shame among their enemies), ²⁶ then Moses stood in the entrance of the camp, and said, “Whoever *is* on the LORD’s side—*come* to me!” And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together to him. ²⁷ And he said to them, “Thus says the LORD God of Israel: ‘Let every man put his sword on his side, and go in and out from entrance to entrance throughout the camp, and let every man kill his brother, every man his companion, and every man his neighbor.’”



Suggested Chapters to Study This Week: Exodus 32 The Entire Chapter

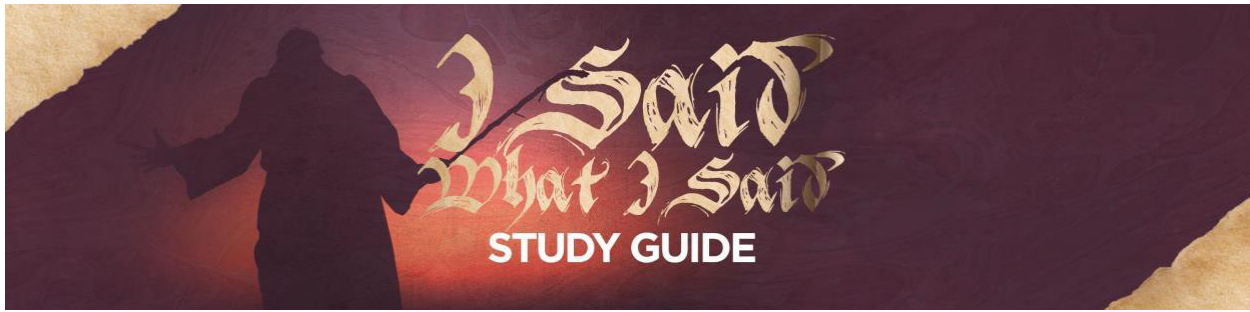
2. REFLECT

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As we continue on our journey through Pastor Watley’s sermon series entitled “I What I Said,” we’ve explored the life, legacy, mission, and ministry of Moses. Each week we have studied some of the moments that were central to his growth, development, and maturity as a person of faith. However in addition to his triumphs, we have also been able to learn vital lessons from his failures. Using these biblical examples, we’ve witnessed the fact that God will move in miraculous ways to ensure our deliverance – even in spite of our shortcomings!

This week, which is week ten, Pastor Watley preaches from the sermon title “A Long Time In The Making”. Following up on the life of Moses we’re now at the point where we find the children of Israel have stopped waiting on Moses and God’s Word but have decide to make an image of their own to worship. Pastor Watley drive this point home by acknowledging that while this is unbelievable, we have had in the last few days and example of this. As there was a group at the CPAC conference who made an image of Donald J. Trump. The point here is the



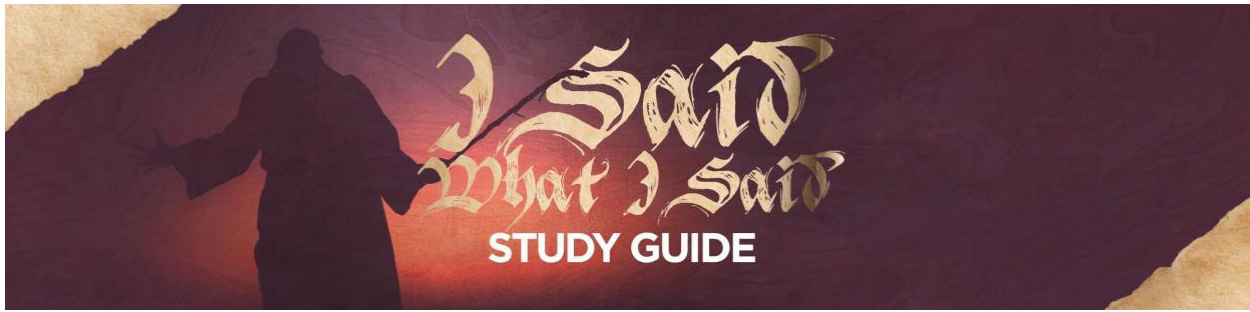
Bible is correct when it says there is nothing new under the Sun “Ecclesiastes 1:9”. There is a “shadow side”, as Pastor Watley explains, that we all have. This shadow side is the side of us that comes up when we forget the importance and the reverence we should have for the Lord and the things of God. We become familiar and this familiarity breeds contempt. It allows us to, so easily, slip into forgetting the importance of God and the holy things of God. Our prayer time becomes shorter and shorter. We say thank you to the Lord less and less but that needs to shift as we can all recognize that if it wasn’t for the Lord, we wouldn’t have anything.

Pastor Watley lets us know that the answer is in giving God Praise and also sharing the goodness of God with others. The answer is not only thanking for the food we have but being an answer or help to someone else who needs food. Pastor reminds us that this creation of the golden image was just the latest scene in rebellion against God. They rebelled:

- Coming out of Egypt because it was new and in the wilderness.
- About the bitter water when they complained about not having anything to drink.
- For meat because all that had was manna that was provided by the Lord.

All of these were the examples of their rebellion and they just took it the last level. Pastor reminds us that; sin will make you go further that you want to go. It will make you stay longer than you wanted to stay and lastly sin will make you pay more than you expected to pay. The children of Israel found themselves in this place because they forgot about the holy and the importance of God. Brothers and Sisters, we have to make sure that we don’t allow ourselves to be so lost in ourselves that we don’t recognize the continued blessings that God provides in our lives daily. This is where we find Moses so setup at the people of Israel because they decided to worship the golden imagine. This had been building in Moses for a long time and as Pastor Watley shares it was anger building in the people toward God and in Moses toward the people. Pastor mentioned using Charles Swindoll’s book on Moses here is the link ([Click Here](#)). Here is the link <https://www.amazon.com/Great-Lives-Moses-Selfless-Dedication/dp/1400202493>

Moses broke the stones that represented the ten commandments and then had the burn up the golden imagine that they created in order for the people to make a decision for God and no one else. Our focus has to be on taking down every false God in our lives and putting God in those places.



3. RESPOND

Introspective Questions

- ï Are there areas in your life that you have forgotten about God?
- ï What do you call holy in your life and does anyone else know that this time or space is holy to you?

Discussion Questions

- ï Would have done what Moses did in reaction to the children of Israel?
- ï What do you think about the children of Israel using what was holy and called apart of God to “worship” an image that they created?