

## THE GREATEST STORY: DELIVERED

### Week 8:

Exodus Chapters 32-33 also see parallel passage Deuteronomy 9: 7-21

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- I. The People Rebell- Exodus 32:1
  - a. Failed to Trust God
  - b. The people were out of Egypt, but Egypt was not out of the people
  - c. Psalm 106: 19-21 They acted like pagans
  - d. Worship was distorted
    - i. *The essence of idolatry is the entertainment of thoughts about God that are unworthy of Him.* A. W. Tozer, The Knowledge of the Holy
    - ii. Romans 1: 22-23 Exchange the Glory of God for an image
    - iii. Two results of idol worship
      1. Moral corruption
      2. Imitation of what we worship Ps 115: 4-8
  - e. What is an idol?
    - i. *The human heart is an idol factory.* John Calvin
    - ii. *The topic of idolatry and state it is the most discussed problem in the Bible. "No God but God "* by Os Guinness and John Seel
- II. Moses- Test of Leadership
  - a. Moses pleads with God to not destroy the people
  - b. Moses does not condone the sin- A Great SIN
    - i. To minimize sin is to minimize God's Holiness
  - c. Moses judges and purges the idolators from the camp
  - d. Moses intercedes for the nation: Psalm 106:23 Moses is the mediator with God
    - i. Appeal to God's character
    - ii. Pray for God's Glory not yours
    - iii. Believe God answers prayers
  - e. *God never permits his people to sin successfully.* Charles Spurgeon
- III. Moses Desire for God's Glory
  - a. Moses did not want to lead without God's presence
  - b. Moses wanted God's affirmation he would be with the people.
    - i. The LORD said to Moses, "I will also do this thing of which you have spoken; for you have found favor in My sight and I have known you by name." Ex. 17
  - c. Moses wanted to see God's Glory
    - i. Then Moses said, "I pray You, show me Your glory!" And He said, "I Myself will make all My goodness pass before you, and will proclaim the name of the LORD before you; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show compassion on whom I will show compassion." Ex 33: 18-19
- IV. Our Response
  - a. What are our idols?
  - b. Are we desperate to see God's Glory or our own Glory?

“Idolatry is the most discussed problem in the Bible. Yet for Christians today it is one of the least meaningful notions, Idols are not just on pagan altars, but in well-educated hearts and minds. An idol is something within creation that is inflated to function as God. All sorts of things are potential idols, depending only on our attitudes and actions towards them. ... Idolatry may not involve explicit details of God’s existence or character. It may well come up in the form of an over-attachment to something that is in itself perfectly good. ... An idol can be a physical object, a property, a person, an activity, a role, an institution, a hope, an image, an idea, a pleasure, a hero, anything that can substitute for God.” (Os Guinness, *No God But God*)

The Glory Song sung by Billy Sunday

When my labors and trials are o-ver and I am safe on the beautiful shore, Just to be near my dear Lord I adore, will through the ages be glory for me. O that will be glory for me. Glory for me. Glory for me. When by His grace I shall look on His face, that will be glory, be glory for me