Title: ***'Exodus, Cloud & Fire' Pt. 14- 'The Sound of Idolatry'***

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   - A leader without ***conviction*** or ***backbone***.
   - Aaron starts ***improvising*** worship.
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   - Not about a ***calf***, but ***corruption*** of the heart.
   - God is ***watching***.
   - ***Something*** or ***someone*** in the place of God.
   - All humans have an ***authority*** problem.
3. **A counterfeit *joy***
   - Moses ***intercedes***, ***pointing*** us to Christ.
   - A ***mediator*** between sinful people & God.
   - They were ***exuberantly*** worshiping a false god.
   - Nothing more than cooked-up ***emotionalism***.
   - They ***distorted*** worship.
   - We are ***impatient*** people.
   - We want God on our ***timeline***, on our ***clock***.
   - We prefer an ***inanimate*** God.
   - Hard to ***uncover*** & harder to ***unseat***.
   - Take a ***good*** thing & turn it into a ***god*** thing.
   - ***Sin*** problems are ***worship*** problems.
   - You ***resemble*** what you ***revere***!
   - Aaron ***deflects*** the blame.

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