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THE PURSUIT OF HOLINESS

SAINTS

set apart

Our fathers refused to obey him, but thrust him aside, and **in their hearts they turned to Egypt,**

— ACTS 7:39 · ESV

saying to Aaron, ‘**Make for us gods who will go before us.** As for this Moses who led us out from the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.’

ACTS 7:40 · ESV

And they made a calf in those days, and offered a sacrifice to the idol and were **rejoicing in the works of their hands.**

ACTS 7:41 · ESV

DEFINITION

IDOL

anything you trust to do God's job

A SUBSTITUTE CAN BE GOOD - IT JUST CAN'T BE GOD.

When the people saw that **Moses delayed to come down from the mountain,** the people gathered themselves together to Aaron and said to him,

EXODUS 32:1a · ESV

"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."

EXODUS 32:1b · ESV

Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain **in the sight of the people of Israel.**

— EXODUS 24:17 · ESV

A SUBSTITUTE IS A GOD YOU CAN HOLD,

THE REAL GOD IS THE ONE WHO HOLDS YOU.

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!"

EXODUS 32:4 · ESV

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 32:5 · ESV

But now, if you will forgive their sin - but if not, **please blot me out of your book** that you have written.

EXODUS 32:32 · ESV

Therefore the people of Israel stripped themselves of their ornaments, **from Mount Horeb onward.**

EXODUS 33:6 · ESV

And he said, “**My presence will go with you,** and I will give you rest.”

EXODUS 33:14 · ESV

Yet the Most High **does not dwell in houses made by hands,** as the prophet says,

— ACTS 7:48 · ESV

GREEK *χειροποίητος*

CHEIROPOIĒTOS

↖ *made by hands*

But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and **Jesus standing at the right hand of God.**

ACTS 7:55 · ESV

He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.

— JIM ELLIOT