

Thursday, March 18, 2010

Exodus 32: 7-14

**The Lord said to Moses, "...They have soon turned aside from the way I pointed out to them, making for themselves a molten calf and worshipping it...."**

How often do we build a "golden calf" in our lives? It's easy to look at this very familiar scripture and say, "Well, of course I would never do that," but really we probably do this all the time. How often do we allow some material item, our careers, our net worth or something else to come before God?

**"Let me alone, then, that My wrath may blaze up against them to consume them."**

This is what we truly deserve as constant sinners, but God is a merciful and ever-loving God. I am ever grateful for the mercy He continues to show me. I can only hope to do my very best. Doing our best is a constant struggle since society puts up barriers that keep us from God. Meanwhile, God waits patiently for us to come to Him. May this Lent be one in which we run to God as our Father.

*Dear ever-loving and merciful God,  
Grant that I may always put You first.  
You are the King of my life.  
With You there is hope, love and endless peace.  
Allow this Lent to be a new reminder  
that You are above all in this world.  
Right now I want to offer up all those things  
that I find difficult to put under You.  
Allow these things never to be above You in my life,  
but to serve You and to bring You glory.  
Finally, help me to cast out those things that screen me from You  
so I may continue to see Your Son, Jesus Christ.  
Amen*

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