

God Delivers: Rebellion Against the Redeemer Exodus 32:1-14

I. False worship.

1. Includes demons. 32:1

Deuteronomy 32:17 - "They sacrificed to demons that were not gods..."

2. Comes from deception and idolatry. 32:1

2 Corinthians 4:4 - "...the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God."

Idolatry is putting something or someone in the place of God.

3. Often involves charismatic, unaccountable, and self-centered leaders. 32:1

Matthew 7:15 - "Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves."

2 Corinthians 11:14 - "...for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light."

4. Embraces human ceremonies, works, teaching and honor. 32:2-4

Exodus 20:3-4 - "You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth below..."

5. Often includes syncretism. 32:4-5

Galatians 1:6-7 - "I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel; which is really not another gospel... they want to distort the gospel of Christ."

6. Frequently involves sensuality or signs and wonders. 32:6

2 Peter 2:1-3 "... there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies... Many will follow their sensuality...because of them the way of the truth will be maligned; & in their greed, they will exploit you with false words..."

Mark 13:22 - "False Christs and false prophets will arise, and will show signs and wonders, in order to lead astray, if it were possible, the elect."

7. Dethrones God, dehumanizes human beings and brings death. 32:1-10

Psalms 106:19-22 - "They made a calf...And worshiped a molten image...they exchanged their glory for the image of an ox...they forgot God their Savior, Who had done great things in Egypt."

II. Idol-worshippers need a mediator with God's heart and truth. 32:11-14

1. Focus on God's covenant love and promises. 32:11, 13

2. Focus on God's power. 32:11

3. Focus on God's glory. 32:12

John 10:10-11 - "*The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life to the fullest. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.*"

Faith Sheet

Monthly and Weekly Memory Verse - John 5:24 - "I tell you the truth, whoever hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and will not be condemned..."

Reviewing This Past Sunday God Delivers: Rebellion Against the Redeemer Exodus 32:1-14

1. What are some reasons our hearts are quick to make idols? (James 4:1-4)
2. Why is it important that our opinions about God match up with the reality of God's revelation of Himself?
3. How can we help each other turn to God during difficult times instead of false idols?
4. What are the dangers of representing only some of God's attributes to others?
5. What are some choices we often make that come out of a wrong view of God?
6. Why might we at times have trouble equating our sin with idolatry?
7. Pray Scriptures for those who do not love Christ. - John 3:3-8, 4:24, Ezekiel 36:26, Jeremiah 24:7, Deuteronomy 30:6 and Romans 10:9-10.

1 Corinthians 10:6-7,11-12 - "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play...Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction...Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall."

"You can't understand the seriousness of idolatry without understanding the jealousy of God. And you can't understand His jealousy without some understanding of His relentless, powerful love for you, because they are intertwined." - Kyle Idleman

Preparing for Next Sunday God Delivers: The Loving Lawgiver Exodus 20:1-11

1. Read Exodus 20:1-11 and ask the Lord to reveal Himself and His truth.
2. HIGHLIGHT a verse or truth that stands out to you and write it out.
3. EXPLAIN the text in your own words to make sure you see the big picture of God's Story.
4. APPLY a truth from the text to your own life. (Focus on what God is saying to you and what is your act of obedience, confession, prayer, praise, giving thanks, etc.)
5. RESPOND in prayer (use Scripture as a prayer guide) and apply what God reveals to you.