

A Golden Lust

“And Moses said unto Aaron, What did this people unto thee, that thou hast brought so great a sin upon them?

Aaron said, Let not the anger of my lord wax hot: thou knowest the people, that they are set on mischief.

For they said unto me, Make us gods, which shall go before us: for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.

And I said unto them, Whosoever hath any gold, let them break it off. So they gave it me: then I cast it into the fire, and there came out this calf”, Exodus 32:21–24.

During the two thousand five hundred years between the people’s escapade in the desert and the Lord’s Resurrection, was there any improvement in the people’s way of worshipping God?

The answer is an emphatic ‘NO’, for the Holy Spirit led James, the Lord’s brother, to write, “But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.

Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death”, James 1:14–15.

You cannot blame Satan – a person who gets blamed for far more than he should – for bringing your death upon yourself. **YOU MADE THE DECISION.**

Has it changed since James wrote what he did at the Holy Spirit’s prompting?

Again the answer is an emphatic ‘NO’, you made the decision.

In the world today we have many ‘golden calves’. All are equated with a wealth value. Some are personal.

From the small value scratch it’s to the mega million lottery tickets.

From going to a TAFE College (Technical And Further Education) or a noted University.

From living in a semi detached house, or living on Millionaires Row.

Some are communal.

From being a cleaner or the managing director.

We put our wealth into a refinery, and wait to see what will walk out! There, my friend, is our greatest problem, US.

We are not golden calves, sculptured, carved, and shaped to be an admired and very much a desired object.

We were made by Almighty God, Genesis 1:27. We were made in the image of Almighty God, Genesis 1:26. We were made to display the image of Almighty God,
If we allow the facts above to enter our mind set, we will be well on the way to removing the golden calf from our living.

David stated when God delivered him for the hand of Saul, “For who is God save the Lord? or who is a rock save our God?” Psalm 18:31.

In just one act the Israelites broke the first two Commandments of God, “Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth”, Exodus 20:3–4.

How big is your golden calf? The one the Israelites built was not big enough to save three thousand of them, “And the children of Levi did according to the word of Moses: and there fell of the people that day about three thousand men”, Exodus 32:28.