

## **GOD FORGIVES AND RESTORES SINNERS (The Golden Calf)**

Exodus 32:1-35

Key Verse: 32:31,32

1. How long was Moses on the mountain and who was in charge of people while he was away? (24:12-18; 32:1-6)
2. Why did the people grow restless? What request did they make of Aaron and what did Aaron and the people do? In what respect does this reflect their slave mentality?
3. When God informed Moses of the people's sin, why did he say "your people, whom you brought up out of Egypt..." What did God mean when he called the people "stiff-necked" (9)? What did God propose to do about this sin? (7-10) Why might Moses be tempted?
4. In Moses' prayer, what did he say about God's relationship to the people? About God's past actions and promises? What did he ask of God and what was the basis of his plea? (Did he make excuses for the people because of their weakness and past sufferings?) How did God respond? (11-14)
5. When Moses went down the mountain, what did he hear and see and how did he express his hot anger? What does this reveal about his heart and mind? (15-24)
6. What was Aaron's excuse? What does this show about him?
7. How did the Levites ordain themselves for the service of the Lord that day? (25-29) What does this teach about the requirements for those who are set apart from God's work?
8. What was Moses' purpose in going back up to see the Lord? (30) How did his prayer reveal his shepherd heart and his great love for the people? Why did God refuse his offer of substitution? What did God tell Moses to do and what did God do? (30-35) Why was this such a serious sin? their sin so serious?