

# Outline

## 5000 BC Truths in a 2000 AD World

### *Sacrificing gods to Worship God*

#### Point# Content

#### 1 5000 BC Story that exemplifies our 2000 AD Relationship with God

When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said, "Come, make us gods." Exodus 32:1 TM

Aaron answered them, "Take off the gold earrings that you are wearing, and bring them to me." So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron. He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool. Then they said, "These are your gods, [b] O Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt." Exodus. 32:2-4 TM

When Aaron saw this, he built an altar in front of the calf and announced, "Tomorrow there will be a festival to the LORD." So the next day the people rose early and sacrificed burnt offerings and presented fellowship offerings. Afterward they sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry. Exodus 32:5,6 TM

#### 2 Not too different from what happens in my life.

I get impatient with God's timing of working things out in my life. I need a God of immediate gratification.

That impatience with God causes me to force life's experiences and opportunities and I fashion imitation life experiences: relationships, money, and addictions.

I expend resources and effort to fill the hurts and vacuums in my heart.

I lie to myself and others trying to get us all to believe that the gods I created are just as good as what God intends for me.

My life swirls into self-indulgence and out of control until I am lost.

#### 3 5000 BC Principles that still Apply in 2008

Ignoring God's Law of Life results in negative consequences.

"I have seen these people," the LORD said to Moses, "and they are a stiff-necked people. Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation." Exodus 32:9,10 TM

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God's mercy reigns even in the face of unrelenting and un-confessed sin.

But Moses sought the favor of the LORD his God. "O LORD," he said, "why should your anger burn against your people, whom you brought out of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand?"

Turn from your fierce anger; relent and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to whom you swore by your own self: 'I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and I will give your descendants all this land I promised them, and it will be their inheritance forever.' "

Then the LORD relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened. Exodus 32:11-14 TM

#### **4 5000 BC Blessings of Pursuing God that Mirror 2008 Blessings**

God's love for us causes Him to pursue us face to face as a friend. Exodus 33:11

The LORD would speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks with his friend.

God's love for us will not allow us to pursue godlessness unchecked.

God descended in the cloud and took up his position there beside him and called out the name, God. God passed in front of him and called out, "God, God, a God of mercy and grace, endlessly patient—so much love, so deeply true—loyal in love for a thousand generations, forgiving iniquity, rebellion, and sin. Still, he doesn't ignore sin. He holds sons and grandsons responsible for a father's sins to the third and even fourth generation." Exodus 34:4-7 TM

God's love requires He answer the prayer of the repentant.

At once, Moses fell to the ground and worshiped, saying, "Please, O Master, if you see anything good in me, please Master, travel with us, hard-headed as these people are. Forgive our iniquity and sin. Own us, possess us." Exodus 34:8,9 TM

God's mercy rules his justice in the lives of those who seek Him.

And God said, "As of right now, I'm making a covenant with you: In full sight of your people I will work wonders that have never been created in all the Earth, in any nation." Exodus 34:10 TM

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God always finishes the lessons He brings into our lives.

God said to Moses: "Now write down these words, for by these words I've made a covenant with you and Israel." Moses was there with God forty days and forty nights. When Moses came down from Mount Sinai carrying the two Tablets of The Testimony, Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, saw his radiant face, and held back, afraid to get close to him. Exodus 34:27,28 TM

Obedience to God always produces a generous, Spirit filled life of ministry.

So everyone in the community of Israel left the presence of Moses. Then they came back, every one whose heart was roused, whose spirit was freely responsive, bringing offerings to God for building the Tent of Meeting, furnishing it for worship and making the holy vestments. Exodus 35:20 TM

Moses told the Israelites, "See, God has selected Bezalel son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah. He's filled him with the Spirit of God, with skill, ability, and know-how for making all sorts of things... And he's also made him a teacher... They can make anything and design anything." Exodus 35:30-35 TM

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