

The Golden Calf
Exodus 32:1-20

Review:

1. Idolatry is giving our devotion to anyone or anything other than God, and we are all guilty of it.
2. God knows everything we say and do, so we cannot possibly hide our sin from Him.
3. All sin pulls us away from God, cutting us off from the only source of life and light and truth
4. Only our Mediator, Jesus Christ, can save us by pleading the blood of His sacrifice on behalf of His people

Reflect:

1. What things, activities, people or relationships are you tempted to value more than God? What changes do you need to make to your budget or schedule in order to put God first in your life?

Go Further: Read Psalm 139

1. According to verse 1, what two things does David say God has done to him?
2. According to verse 2, what two things does David say God knows about him? What does God understand, even from a distance?
3. According to verse 3, what three things does God know about?
4. In verse 4, what does David say God knows about his words?
5. What two things does David say God has done to him in verse 5?
6. In verse 6, how does David describe the things he knows about God?
7. What two questions does David ask himself in verse 7? Given verses 8-10, what is the answer?
8. According to verses 8-10, where would it be impossible for David to hide from God?
9. According to verses 11 and 12, why does David say he cannot hide from God in the dark?
10. In verses 13-15, how does David describe the way God created him?
11. What reason does David give in verse 14 for giving thanks to God?
12. In verse 16, what does David say God has written in a book? When did God write this book?
13. In verse 17, what does David say is precious to him? What does he say about the number of God's thoughts?
14. In verse 18, where does David say he is when he awakes?
15. What does David want God to do in verse 19? Who does David tell to depart from him?
16. What reasons does David give in verse 20 for what he desires in verse 19?
17. In verses 21 and 22, whom does David say that he hates?
18. In verse 23, what does David want God to search and test?
19. In verse 24, how does David want God to lead him?

Summary and Application:

1. How do you react to the idea that God sees and knows everything about you? Is that threatening or comforting to you? Why?
2. How do you react to the idea that God made you exactly the way you are?
3. David wants God to examine his thoughts, feelings, and actions in verses 23 and 24. How does this help us to understand the hatred he expresses in verse 22?