



### Clarifying the Motive Behind the Golden Calf Incident

Trade-in? (1)

Make-over? (4,5)

The first two commandments (Ex 20:3,4)

Reducing God into an image of our making

### When We Make God into our Preferred Image...

We resist/subvert spiritual authority: Aaron (1-5)

Our template comes from our limited frame of reference: cows

We misuse God's good gifts: jewelry (Ex 12:33-36)

We re-script what appropriate worship looks like (6)

We are poisoned in the inner being (20)

### The Common Temptation to Make-over God

Abandoned, lost, and unsure where to go

Grumbling and the loss of confidence in God

Learning to wait: giving up too early

What is God up to? The model given in Exodus 6:6-8

Deliverance, formation, inheritance

The gestation of formation

O, the sorrow of jumping the gun! (e.g. 1 Samuel 13:8-14)

and claiming God's endorsement

### Letting God Be God

In the grey zone: faith or presumption?

Five questions to ask yourself to avoid making a calf:

Am I willing to do His will? (John 7:17)

Am I attracted by a short-cut? (Proverbs 14:12)

Is there any hint of compromise? (Ps 139:23,24)

Have I sought godly counsel? (Proverbs 12:15)

Do I have a clear conscience? (1 Timothy 1:19)