

Wrath of God (Idolatry/Idol worship)

1. Welcome & Opening

“How has God blessed you?” Take turns sharing your stories.

2. Praise Blessed Be the Lord God Almighty

3. Prayer

4. Scripture Reading

Exodus 32:1-10

¹ 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 who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don’t know what has happened to him.” ² Aaron answered them, “Take off the gold earrings that your wives, your sons and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me.” ³ So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron. ⁴ 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, O Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.”... ¹⁰ 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 32:31-32

³¹ So Moses went back to the LORD and said, “Oh, what a great sin these people have committed! They have made themselves gods of gold. ³² But now, please forgive their sin--but if not, then blot me out of the book you have written.”

5. Video Viewing

6. Reflection & Sharing

Idolatry/idol worship is dangerous. Idolatry/idol worship in general conjures up images of particular form of figures/statues, altar and temples but things such as money, adultery, economic prosperity, life of comfort, success and worldly ambitions are idols that can’t be seen with our eyes. Idolatry takes us further away from the transformative and saving grace of God and it makes us dependent and makes us follow false idols/gods that have no power and ability. We must suppress these idols and trust in our God who gives us strength and ability to undertake our God given task and mission.

Q Question **S** Sharing

1) Idolatry distorts true worship

Q What did the Israelites do when they were afraid? (Exodus 32:1-4)



S Idolatry is when we make something and we rely on it, and we call it god. And when this god doesn’t give us the blessing and/or provide the results that we want, we get rid of it and make another one and we follow it. It distorts the worship that we are supposed to give to our one true God and it has detrimental influences in our attitude towards our one true God.

After God, what are some of the things we rely on? In a time of despair, what are some of the things we could do to support one another so that we could seek God instead of idols?

2) Idolatry leads to God’s judgement/punishment

Q What was God’s thought on Israelites as He saw them worship an idol? (Exodus 32:10)

S God wanted Moses to confront the Israelites and their distorted worship of an idol. Instead of worshipping God the Creator, God was outraged at their decision to worship something that was man made. Idol worshipers will ultimately receive God’s judgement. Write down a list of common idols today and let’s share how they end up disappointing us.

3) We need an intercessor for the atonement of idolatry.

Q What was the content of Moses prayer for those who committed idolatry? (31-32) He prayed for forgiveness of the Israelites, and prayed for atonement of their sins.

S Moses prayed for the sins of the Israelites and became an intercessor/mediator between God and His people. And the best mediator who reconciled sinful mankind to God is Jesus Christ. Result of sin is death, but the intercessors/mediator’s prayer stops God’s wrath. What kind of an intercessor/mediator role can we play? Share how you spend your prayer time and how often you pray for others.

Wrap Up

God called us just like He called Moses to pray for those in need of the Lord. In addition, He has called us to go out to the world. We know the suffering and the moaning of the world, and we are called to pray on their behalf. Let’s start praying for those who are in need of prayer.

Pray Together

1. Let’s pray that the world and everyone can see the light of Christ which I have witnessed.
2. For the missionaries and mission areas that our church and community support

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