

Every Day with Jesus
The Desire for Less Demanding Gods
Exodus 32:1-35

“People desire an impersonal God because this kind of God is easier to live with.”

–Sewlynn Hughes

We have created systems in our culture that allow us to have what we want, when we want it, without any sense of patience or meaningful value. Things worth having are worth waiting for or else we run the risk of making them into idols.

1. Idols tend to share certain characteristics.
2. Idols are able to take on many forms.
3. Idols must be confronted and destroyed.

Our nature is bent towards suppressing the truth in unrighteousness and exchanging the glory of the Creator for something created or the insignificance of temporal pleasure. Only the gospel has the power to change our nature. Only the ongoing presence of the Holy Spirit gives us the power to overcome our less demanding gods.

Reflection

People who don't believe in God think it is ridiculous to fashion something that would represent Him. They judge Israel, not for the golden calf, but for the concept of God in general. Believers, however, tend to judge Israel because they replaced the one true God with a golden calf. But if we are honest, even believers have their modern golden calves. For us to experience all that God has freely offered, we must be rid of those things that try to take His place in our lives. We are coming up on a season called Lent, where we will take time to examine our hearts and ask God to remove any idolatry that hinders our ability to come into His presence. Consider joining us on our Lent journey with daily readings from our Lent Guide, midweek fasting and prayer, and three midweek Holy Convocations that will challenge us to seek the presence of God together.