THE GOLDEN CALF

(Moses’ battle of prayer)

Exodus 31:1-32:35

Key Verse:32:32

1. Skim chapter 31. Who did God choose as workers to make the tabernacle and the priestly garments? What kind of people they were? (1-3) Why was important for the Israelites to keep the Sabbath holy? (12,14,15,17; 19:5,6; 20:8; 24:7)
2. Look at 32:1-6. Why did the people ask Aaron to make the golden calf? What was wrong with Aaron and the people? What does the golden calf represent today?
3. Look at 7-10.Why did God call the people “stiff-necked” and what did God propose to do about their sin? Why might Moses be tempted? (10)
4. Look at 11-14. What did Moses ask of God and what was the basis of his plea? How did God respond? (14) Look at 15-20. When Moses went down the mountain, what did he hear and see and how did he express his hot anger? (19-20)
5. Look at 21-30. What was Aaron’s excuse? How did Moses challenge the people and what did the Levites do? Look at 30-35. What was Moses’ purpose in going back up to see the Lord? (30)
6. Look at 31-35. How did his prayer reveal his shepherd heart and his great love for the people? (32) What did God tell Moses to do and what did God do? (33-35) Why was their sin so serious?