



# Before the THRONE

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Exodus 32:4-5

“And *Aaron* received the gold from their hands and he fashioned it... and made a molded calf. Then they said, “This is your god, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt.” So when Aaron saw it he built an altar before it. And Aaron made a proclamation and said, “Tomorrow is a feast to the LORD.” Exodus 32:4-5

Aaron had been appointed and consecrated as the high priest. He had been instructed in the ways of Yahweh. He knows how to make proper sacrifice for the people. Yet, now he uses his position, influence, and power to fashion a false god and to call the people to worship – at a false god’s table! But what is worse, he calls the false god by Yahweh’s holy name!

Is it any wonder the LORD God hates syncretism? Syncretism is simply a mixture. On the surface it may appear harmless, but once compromise enters the scene, the roots of syncretism will quickly grow until we have only “a form of godliness but denying the powers of it.” (2 Timothy 3:5).

Has mixture entered into your life? Do you justify the works of the flesh and your holy Christian calling? Do you swear and curse on Saturday night then bring words of praise on Sunday morning? Do you offer the waitress ten percent or more but merely “tip” God? Syncretism is so dangerous because we can be lulled into believing we are honestly serving the LORD. Examine your Christian practice and service. Should there be the fruit or even the seeds of mixture, repent now and call upon the LORD to deliver you from its hold.

“You shall have no other gods before ME.” Exodus 20:3

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