

The Golden Calf - Deuteronomy 9:7-29

Topics: Anger, Idolatry, Prayer, Punishment, Stubbornness, Testing, Unfaithfulness

Open It

1. What is it about some people that prevents them from keeping a promise?
2. How do you feel when you do something kind for someone and he or she doesn't say thank you?
- * 3. If you could destroy one evil in this world, what would it be?

Explore It

- * 4. What does Moses say about Israel's rebellion against God? (9:7)
5. Where did Israel arouse the Lord's wrath? (9:8)
6. How long was Moses up on the mountain? (9:9)
7. What was on the tablets the Lord gave Moses? (9:10)
8. What were the tablets given to Moses called? (9:11)
9. What did the Lord say to Moses? (9:12)
- * 10. How did the Lord describe the stubbornness of the people of Israel? (9:13)
11. What did God want Moses to do? (9:14)
12. What did Moses have in his hands when he went down the mountain? (9:15)
13. What had the Israelites made while Moses was gone? (9:16)
14. What did Moses do after he broke the tablets? (9:17-19)
15. How did Moses intervene on behalf of Aaron? (9:20)
16. What did Moses do with the golden calf? (9:21)
17. Where else did the people of Israel make the Lord angry? (9:22-23)
- * 18. How did Moses plead for Israel's rebellious ways? (9:24-29)

Get It

- * 19. What do you consider to be the root of rebellion?
20. What are possible reasons the Israelites were so rebellious against God?
21. How can prayer make a difference in someone else's life?
22. If you were Moses, how might you have become sick and tired of the Israelites?
23. How should we treat people who never cooperate?
24. What does this passage teach us about the patience of God?
- * 25. In what ways are we stubborn against God?
26. What keeps God from destroying those who rebel against Him?

Apply It

- * 27. What is an area of rebellion in your life that you need to confess to God today?
28. Who is someone who has turned away from God that you can encourage to return to the Lord?