



<sup>15</sup>Then Moses turned and went down from the mountain with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand, tablets that were written on both sides; on the front and on the back they were written. <sup>16</sup>The tablets were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, engraved on the tablets. <sup>17</sup>When Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said to Moses, "There is a noise of war in the camp." <sup>18</sup>But he said, "It is not the sound of shouting for victory, or the sound of the cry of defeat, but the sound of singing that I hear." <sup>19</sup>And as soon as he came near the camp and saw the calf and the dancing, Moses' anger burned hot, and he threw the tablets out of his hands and broke them at the foot of the mountain. <sup>20</sup>He took the calf that they had made and burned it with fire and ground it to powder and scattered it on the water and made the people of Israel drink it. <sup>21</sup>And Moses said to Aaron, "What did this people do to you that you have brought such a great sin upon them?" <sup>22</sup>And Aaron said, "Let not the anger of my lord burn hot. You know the people, that they are set on evil. <sup>23</sup>For they said to me, 'Make us gods who shall go before us. As for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.' <sup>24</sup>So I said to them, 'Let any who have gold take it off.' So they gave it to me, and I threw it into the fire, and out came this calf."

### I. A Distortion Of \_\_\_\_\_

"There is a noise of war in the camp."

*If one gives an answer before he hears, it is his folly and shame.*  
Proverbs 18:13

### II. A Display Of \_\_\_\_\_

A. Their contract was \_\_\_\_\_  
*he threw the tablets out of his hands and broke them*

B. Their worship was \_\_\_\_\_  
*and made the people of Israel drink it.*

*Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil.* Ephesians 4:26-27

<sup>19</sup>Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, <sup>20</sup>idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, <sup>21</sup>envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. Galatians 5:19-21

### III. A Discovery By \_\_\_\_\_

*"What did this people do to you that you have brought such a great sin upon them?"*

*He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.* Isaiah 53:7

**Last Thought:** Only when we abandon our \_\_\_\_\_ and admit to the full \_\_\_\_\_ of our personal guilt can God transform us into the people He wants us to become.