

THE GOLDEN CALVES

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“And thou shalt put upon Aaron the Holy garments, and anoint him, and Sanctify him; that he may minister unto Me in the priest’s office. And thou shalt Bring his sons, and clothe them with coats: And thou shalt anoint them, as thou didst Anoint their father, that they may minister Unto me in the priest’s office: for their Anointing shall surely be an everlasting Priesthood throughout their generations.”

† Exodus 40:13-15

“And Jeroboam said in his heart, Now Shall the kingdom return to the house of David ... whereupon the king took counsel, And made two calves of gold ...”

† 1 Kings 12:26, 28

Israel seemed to have a problem with golden calves, didn't they? Most people know about the golden calf that Aaron constructed while Moses was receiving the Ten Commandments upon the mountain but they aren't familiar with the two golden calves that Jeroboam had made. Yet we must understand this and why it occurred because I believe the same thing is happening today in the Church and it has a bearing on why so many in the churches and religious organizations today have the same problem—they construct their own calves of gold against the Holy Spirit because they do not trust God and are fearful like Jeroboam was.

Why is it that man always thinks that he has to be in charge and do things his way? Why are we, even in the Church, so rebellious? Paul discussed this regarding Israel and how they would not “submit” to the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus but rather set up their own system—a system that they designed and ran because they loved the praise of men and were rebellious against the Lord.

This morning as I was reading Exodus 40 about the establishment of the first priesthood to minister to the Lord I saw quite strongly the fact that both Aaron and his sons had to be: (1) Called, and (2) Anointed by the Lord. I was reading in the ESV version and these words stood out to me from 40:15,

“And their anointing shall admit them to a perpetual priesthood throughout their generations.”

We see the same thing today; or at least we *should* see it if we have the Eye of the Eagle—it's the anointing and only the anointing by the Holy Spirit—that qualifies us to stand in any ministerial office.

As I've said and written many times before, anybody can teach the Bible, but only the Five-fold office of Teacher is *anointed* to teach the

Bible—that is a special gifting of the office of Teacher. Now I’m not saying that you or your pastor aren’t anointed when you preach the Word but, quite frankly, I’ve found that few if any in the Church actually understand the anointing and yet we see the importance of the anointing in the Scriptures that we’re dealing with in this article today. There are different spiritual gifts and different *anointings* given by God but they all come from the Holy Spirit and only He can make you an apostle, prophet, psalmist, evangelist, etc.

So it’s high time that we understand this spiritual fact and realize that it’s not what a person calls themselves or places on their business card (an apt name for most churches); it’s only the anointing that is God’s “stamp of approval” as the Holy Spirit told me in June, 1997. He said, “Don’t ever judge a church or ministry by how big they are or how much money they have. You only judge them by the anointing.”

Yet today, like in King Jeroboam’s day, we see so many who are constructing their “calves of gold” and other monuments as the Spirit told my wife Evie back in October, 1996, when we were visiting a church campus site to purchase for a training centre in Montana. We both went into the sanctuary to pray and we prayed for several hours. The Lord spoke to Ev and said, “Men build monuments on the land so that other men may see their glory but I build monuments in the hearts of men so that all may see my glory.”

King Jeroboam didn’t trust God even though he knew that God had chosen him because he respected the prophet of God, Ahijah, who set him in the office of King of Israel. Yet Satan used the spirit of fear to which Jeroboam yielded to turn him away from the Lord. So instead of doing things God’s way he decided to set up his own religious system for the northern kingdom of Israel so that the priests could be appointed by him and be loyal to him. Yet because this was so they were neither called by God nor anointed by him so they could not

really minister for the Lord or to the Lord could they? And yet like in many churches today where there is no anointing and the golden calves are in plain view of everyone in that church, the people continue to go for “worship” and to “meet” with the Lord. Satan knows the scripture that it’s “the anointing that destroys the yoke” and he wants to keep people in bondage and on the road to hell. So Satan is busy replicating this false system of worship all over the world by raising up false churches where there is no genuine anointing of the Holy Spirit. And the longer this false religious system flourishes, the more “dull” people’s spirits become to the genuine Presence and anointing of the Holy Spirit who is supposed to be in charge of the Church.

The Lord has been warning us for centuries that this was coming and He is still saying, “Come out of her, my people, so that you don’t share in her sins.”

If you’re attending a church where there’s no anointing, I’d suggest that you obey this scripture before it’s too late.

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