

THE STORY OF MOSES

Aunt Hattie's Bible Stories

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CHAPTER THIRTY-ONE

THE SCENE IN THE CAMP

Leaving Moses, let us see how the Israelites were getting along while he was away from them. Their great leader had been gone only a short time when the people became very restless. They said to Aaron, **“Up, make us gods, which shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him”** (Exodus 32:1).

Surely Aaron, who had so many times stood with his brother, Moses, in Pharaoh's presence and had seen the working of God's wonderful power, would not yield to their request.

Sad, sad is the story, for he did. He told them to bring all of their earrings to him, ones worn by the men and women, young men and young women, and everyone. My, such a lot of earrings poured into Aaron's hands and he received them all! Then, Aaron, the man whom God had appointed to so great a place of service, utterly failed God. He melted the earrings and made of the gold an image of a calf. When he had finished it the people said, **“These be your gods, O Israel, which brought you out of the land of Egypt.”**

Could anything give greater proof of the unbelief of their wicked hearts? They had forgotten God, but at the same time they were living every day upon the bread which He sent down from heaven.

I think Aaron not only wanted to please the people by giving them the golden calf but he thought they could worship God at the same time. He built an altar and proclaimed a feast unto the Lord.

Foolish Aaron! If he thought he could do both, how he deceived himself because the people turned to worship the calf! They ate, drank and did all sorts of evil.

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