

1. Making the golden calf is a **great sin** (32:1-6 c.f. 32:30-31)

2. Israel's great sin incurs God's **grave judgment** (32:7-35)

a. Israel's great sin leads to a **gap with God** (33:1-11)

b. God's grave judgment leads Moses to be a **go-between** (33:11-17; c.f. 32:11-13, 30-32)

3. As a go-between, Moses caught a **glimpse of God's glory** (33:18-34:35)

Sin/idolatry is essentially a very serious turning away of the heart from God which cannot be excused or easily explained away

The extent of God's judgment measures the seriousness of rejecting a perfect God which we don't fully conceive or comprehend

Our unholiness is way incompatible to the holiness of God which is often taken lightly or for granted

God's required justice in judgment is always matched by provisions of His great love & mercy which is fully worked out by Jesus in His death

God's glory is seen in who He is, what He says & what He does which we can truly behold & reflect today because of Jesus Christ