

Calves & Sacrifices

Hosea 14:2

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A calf is a sacrifice but when it is worshipped, it becomes an idol. Casting idols from molten brass, copper or silver is a very ancient practice, and the idols found near the temples in the East today may have been formed more than five hundred years ago.

II Kings 17:16, 17

And they left all the commands of the LORD their God, and made them molten images, *even* two calves, and made a grove, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served Baal. And they caused their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire, and used divination and enchantments, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger.

Molten images are made of brass, copper and silver. The Eastern people melt the ore and fashion an idol according to their choosing.

In the East two brazen calves are often found before the temples as well as around gates and beside the holy waters. Each temple has a small pond called a molten sea, and the surrounding walls are made of brass. Calves are sacrificed with the belief that God will keep His people safe and secure. When the people of the East pray, they point to the calves and say, "Lord, the sacrifice which our forefathers made unto thee in the years gone by – we also make unto thee now. Please, Lord, forgive us."

Calves used as sacrifices on the alter signify, "we are giving God praise."

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Therefore, in the Bible, "calves of our lips" means "praising God."

Hebrews 13:15

By Him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is the fruit of *our* lips giving thanks to His name.

This expression equals making a sacrifice to God. God is a spirit, and they that worship Him are to worship Him in spirit and not according to any image or idol. A spirit has no form or comeliness. The true God is the Father of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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