

"Clicking the Wrong Icons"

Open with prayer to God for wisdom.

There are many, practical uses for the internet, as most of us know. If there is a need for news, an icon waits to be clicked, and the news is delivered. If messaging, shopping, banking, even Bible study resources are needed, an icon waits to be clicked as well. There are a multitude of other icons for other purposes, both good and bad - small pictures on the computer screen which identify their purpose to fulfill a need. We click, and the need is provided. Of course, the Biblical world has no computer icons, but there were and still remain plenty of idols today. Do we look to God for fulfillment, or do we look to anything else instead? The people of God in the wilderness thought they had a need. They felt alone in their difficulties, and they asked Aaron for gods to lead them. Aaron had gold collected, melted, and formed into a golden calf. The people made sacrifices to this man-made icon and pretended their needs were fulfilled. When Moses returned, he confronted Aaron, who proceeded to blame the people, and when they melted the gold, Aaron said, as if the gold formed a calf all on its own, "I threw it on the fire and out came this calf!" We make such excuses for our own idolatry today. Those people had a weak, sinful desire, and Aaron led them to click on this golden-calf icon for quick fulfillment - which was not fulfillment at all.

Read Exodus 32:1 - 24.

Questions to prayerfully consider or discuss: What are some of the sinful icons offered us in this world on which we can be tempted to click that promises fulfillment? Do these icons provide true fulfillment today, or are they lies? God's promises of fulfillment are His will for us, are true, are delivered at the best time, and delivered with wisdom we lack. Do we look to God's will?

Close with prayer in thanks to God.