

and more satisfying diet. We also traced King Solomon's decline from wisdom to foolishness, prompted by his desire to gratify his sinful appetites for many horses, many wives, and much gold and silver.

In this third part of our study we take up the second desire alluded to in our text passage.

The second desire that tends to draw us away from God and toward idolatry is:

**THE DESIRE TO MAKE GOD TANGIBLE AND SUBSTANTIAL AND
PHYSICALLY REAL**

Would you please turn with me to Exodus 32. I would like to read part of that chapter as background to our study today.

Exodus 32:1-8, 19-28 (NIV) When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said, "Come, make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him." {2} Aaron answered them, "Take off the gold earrings that your wives, your sons and your daughters