



SPORTS

Walker a Big Hit in Debut With Vikings

As a Metrodome-record 62,075 fans stood and cheered, he took the kickoff four yards deep in the end zone, hesitated for a moment and dashed 51 yards down the right sideline. The return was called back, though, by Darryl Ingram's holding penalty.

On Walker's first play from scrimmage, 12:38 into the game, he went off right guard, shot through a hole and shed four tackles en route to a 47-yard run. He ran the final 15 yards without his right shoe, which he kicked in the air when safety Mark Murphy attempted to tackle him.

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Vikings flat out fleeced them

They stood there beaming, Jerry and Jimmy, obviously very pleased with themselves. Jimmy even had to work in a gloat, telling how an unidentified NFL voice had whispered sweet nothings about this being "the great train robbery."

Jerry, bless him, gulped hard at that comment. Can you imagine, Jimmy talking out of school, embarrassing Jerry. "I'm never surprised at anything he says," Jerry said, winking at those media regulars who caught the inside joke. Jimmy, you see, is always using that quote about Jerry.

Gosh, such a pleasant little scene. Happy days were here again at Valley Ranch. Chuckle, chuckle. Today, 0 and 5, or actually, 0 and awful. Tomorrow, the Super Bowl



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deal. Those seven choices kick in over the next three years, but exactly when and how was not disclosed.

Strange, all the secrecy surrounding those picks. But Jerry Jones promises seven draftees will be delivered within

No. 2s) pushed the Rams to 5-0 this season? Nope. A couple of those draftees already are considered semi-busts. But a running back named Greg Bell also came over from the Bills and is outrushing Dickerson.

Did the Cowboys secure a Greg Bell among the five players they received from the Vikings? If so, where is he? That's the disappointing aspect of this deal — no substance among those five players. Plus, the sketchy details of the trade indicate for every one of the five they do keep, the Cowboys have to surrender one of the draft picks. Those stealin', dealin' Vikings didn't miss a trick.

There is one big if, however. Until the 16th game last season, Jesse Solomon was a linebacking nightmare

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DALLAS COWBOYS

HERSCHEL WALKER

**18 PLAYERS / DRAFT
PICKS**

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Romans 1:18-25

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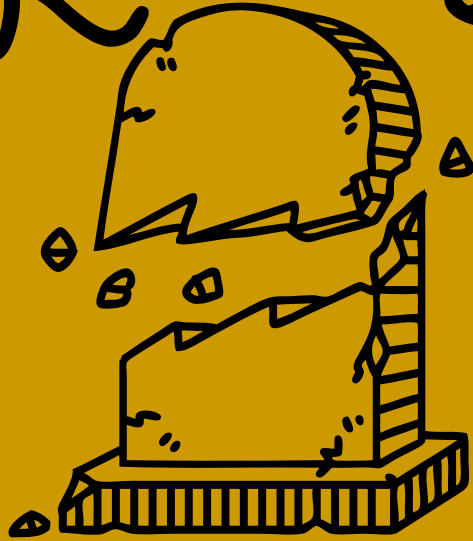
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Fueled and funded by his love, wrath is
God's consistent opposition to evil

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Best Definition of Sin in the Bible

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The Great Exchange

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1. What do they give?
2. What do they get?
3. Why and how do they do it?
4. No take backs?





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Psalm 19:1

¹The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

²Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they reveal knowledge.

Psalm 14:1

¹The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.”

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The gospel of Romans can be summarized in one word: exchange. . . Paul's gospel is the story of a series of exchanges. [The first exchange] is described in 1:18-32: knowing the clearly revealed Creator God who has displayed His glory in the universe He has made, humanity has “exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God into an image” . . . “exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator” (Romans 1:23, 25)... Thus, communion with God was exchanged for [wrath] by God.

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[And, God's wrath is not] far off in the future; it is invasive in a contemporary way. Men and women give God up and flaunt their pretended autonomy in His face. They think, "We despise His laws and break them freely, yet no threatened thunderbolt of judgment touches us." In fact, however, they are judicially blinded and hardened. They cannot see that the conscience-hardening and body-destroying effects of their rebellion are the judgment of God. His judgments are righteous -if we will have ungodliness, then the punishment will come through the very instruments of our crime against Him. In the end, we have exchanged the light of His presence for present inner darkness and future outer darkness.

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EXODUS

Let my people go!



Exodus 19:16 - 20:21 (portions)

¹⁶On the morning of the third day there was thunder and lightning, with a thick cloud over the mountain, and a very loud trumpet blast. Everyone in the camp trembled. ¹⁷Then Moses led the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain. ¹⁸Mount Sinai was covered with smoke, because the LORD descended on it in fire. The smoke billowed up from it like smoke from a furnace, and the whole mountain trembled violently. ¹⁹As the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke and the voice of God answered him...

Exodus 19:16 - 20:21 (portions)

¹And God spoke all these words:

²“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

³“You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴“You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below...

A “god” is the term for that to which we are to look for all good and in which we are to find refuge in all need. Therefore, to have a god is nothing else than to trust and believe in that one with your whole heart. As I have often said, it is the trust and faith of the heart alone that make both God and an idol. If your faith and trust are right, then your God is the true one. Conversely, where your trust is false and wrong, there you do not have the true God. For these two belong together, faith and God. Anything on which your heart relies and depends, I say, that is really your God.

Exodus 19:16 - 20:21 (portions)

¹⁸When the people saw the thunder and lightning and heard the trumpet and saw the mountain in smoke, they trembled with fear. They stayed at a distance ¹⁹and said to Moses, “Speak to us yourself and we will listen. But do not have God speak to us or we will die.”

²⁰Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning.” ²¹The people remained at a distance, while Moses approached the thick darkness where God was.

Exodus 24:3, 7, 15-18

³When Moses went and told the people all the LORD's words and laws, they responded with one voice, "Everything the LORD has said we will do..."

⁷Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it to the people. They responded, "We will do everything the LORD has said; we will obey."

Exodus 24:3, 7, 15-18

¹⁵When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, ¹⁶and the glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the LORD called to Moses from within the cloud. ¹⁷To the Israelites the glory of the LORD looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain. ¹⁸Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

Exodus 32:1-4, 21-24

¹When 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.” ²Aaron answered them, “Take off the gold earrings that your wives, your sons and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me.” ³So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron. ⁴He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool. Then they said, “These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.”

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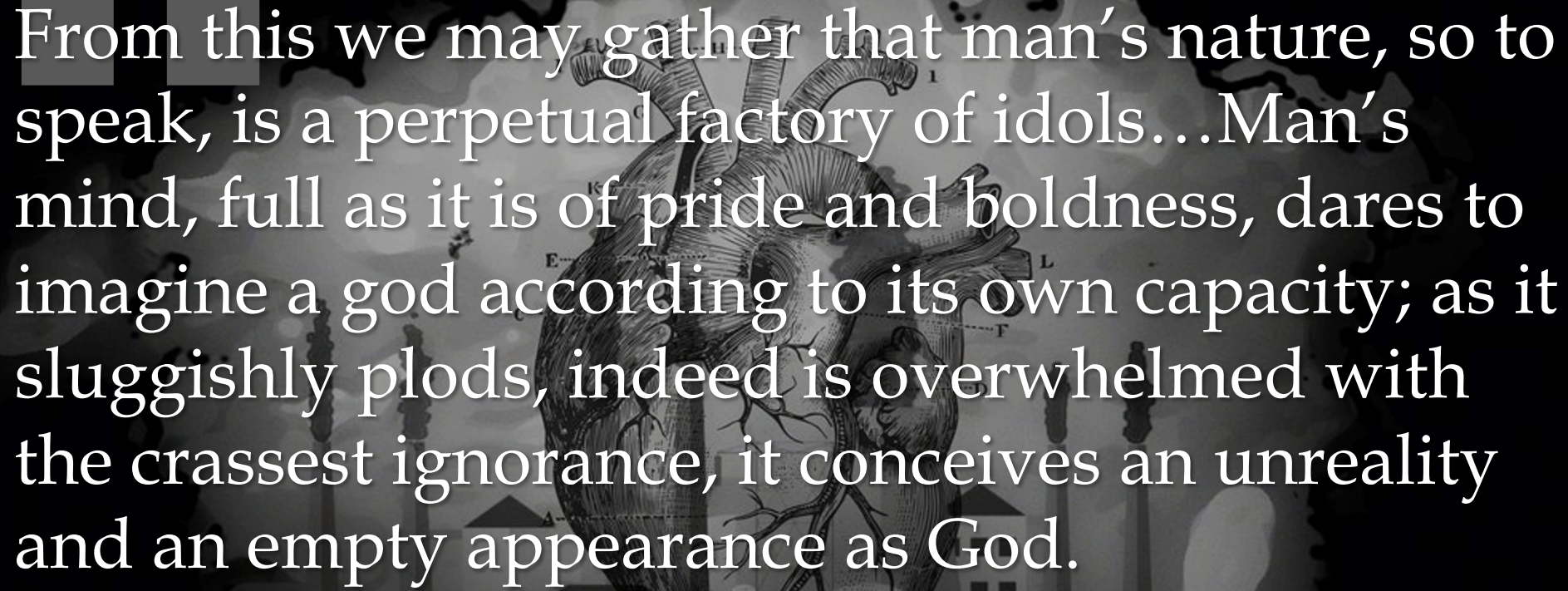
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Exodus 32:1-4, 21-24

²¹[Moses] said to Aaron, “What did these people do to you, that you led them into such great sin?”

²²“Do not be angry, my lord,” Aaron answered. “You know how prone these people are to evil. ²³ They said to me, ‘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.’ ²⁴ So I told them, ‘Whoever has any gold jewelry, take it off.’ Then they gave me the gold, and I threw it into the fire, and out came this calf!”



The background features a detailed anatomical drawing of a human heart, labeled 'Fig. 37.', with various parts marked with letters like 'I', 'K', 'E', 'L', 'T', and 'B'. The heart is set against a dark, stylized background of a city skyline with buildings and smokestacks emitting smoke. The overall color palette is monochromatic, using shades of gray and black.

From this we may gather that man's nature, so to speak, is a perpetual factory of idols...Man's mind, full as it is of pride and boldness, dares to imagine a god according to its own capacity; as it sluggishly plods, indeed is overwhelmed with the crassest ignorance, it conceives an unreality and an empty appearance as God.

~ John Calvin, Institutes on the Christian Religion, 1.11.8

This is bad! Is there any trading back?

Romans 1:25

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YOU GET NOTHING! YOU LOSE!



GOOD DAY, SIR!

This is bad! Is there any trading back?

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Worst Trade of All Time

GREATEST EXCHANGE of All Time

This is bad! Is there any trading back?

2 Corinthians 5:21

God made him who had no sin
to be sin for us,
so that in him
we might become the righteousness of God.

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Galatians 4:4-7

⁴But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. ⁶Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “*Abba, Father.*” ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but God’s child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

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