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The People Sin Against God ¹

Lesson Text: Exodus 32:15-24

Related Scriptures: Deuteronomy 9:13-21; Psalm 119:1-8

TIME: 1445 B.C.

PLACE: Mount Sinai

GOLDEN TEXT: *“Then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, who is on the Lord's side? let him come unto me. And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together unto him.”*
(Exodus 32:26 KJV)

Scripture Lesson Text

Exodus 32:15-24

“15 And Moses turned, and went down from the mount, and the two tables of the testimony were in his hand: the tables were written on both their sides; on the one side and on the other were they written.

16 And the tables were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, graven upon the tables.

17 And when Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said unto Moses, there is a noise of war in the camp.

18 And he said, it is not the voice of them that shout for mastery, neither is it the voice of them that cry for being overcome: but the noise of them that sing do I hear.

¹ Union Gospel Press, Adult Bible Teacher, Fall Quarter, September, October, November 2020; The People Sin Against God, 25 October 2020, page 51

19 And it came to pass, as soon as he came nigh unto the camp, that he saw the calf, and the dancing: and Moses' anger waxed hot, and he cast the tables out of his hands, and break them beneath the mount.

20 And he took the calf which they had made, and burnt it in the fire, and ground it to powder, and strawed it upon the water, and made the children of Israel drink of it.

21 And Moses said unto Aaron, what did this people unto thee, that thou hast brought so great a sin upon them?

22 And Aaron said, Let not the anger of my lord wax hot: thou knowest the people, that they are set on mischief.

23 For they said unto me, Make us gods, which shall go before us: for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.

24 And I said unto them, whosoever hath any gold, let them break it off. So, they gave it me: then I cast it into the fire, and there came out this calf.

Lesson Aim

Facts: To examine how God confronted the sin of Israel.

Principle: To know that God holds all people to account for their sin.

Application: To strength our daily awareness that our thoughts and actions are seen and evaluated.

Introduction

The very concept of right and wrong was built into human nature when we were created by God in His image. But our fallen humanity is quite adept at finding excuses and exceptions, so that we all too easily grow complacent about our sin. Israel had failed God. They had sinned against Him. We can learn much from their experience so that we will be less prone to make similar mistakes.

I. Developing the Lesson

- a. Moses receives the tablets of the law and returns to camp (Exodus 32:15-18)
- b. Moses starts correcting the problem (Exodus 32:19-20)
- c. Moses deals with Aaron (Exodus 32:21-24)

II. Studying the Text

The anger of God is mentioned frequently in the Bible, meaning that anger clearly is not always sinful. Indeed, it is quite often a proper response to sin—even often a proper response to sin, even for God’s people. The problem we have, however, is that our anger can easily be misplaced and turned into sinful anger that leads to sad consequences. Moses was angry, and rightly so, with the people of Israel when they turned from God and bowed down in worship before a golden calf.

a. Moses Returns from The Mountain (Exodus 32:15-18)

- i. Descriptions of the tablets (Exodus 32:15-16)
- ii. Meeting with Joshua (Exodus 32:17-18)

b. Moses Confronts the Sin (32:19-21)

- i. Breaking the tablets (Exodus 32:19)
- ii. Destroying the idol (Exodus 32:20)
- iii. Question Aaron (Exodus 32:21)

c. Aaron Defends His Actions (Exodus 32:22-24)

- i. Blaming others (Exodus 32:22-23)
- ii. Suggesting a miracle (Exodus 32:24)

III. Take Aways

IV. Closing Prayer

Daily Bible Readings for Home Study and Worship

For: 15 November 2020

God Judges the Sin

Monday-The Guilty will be Punished (**Nahum 1:2-6**)

Tuesday- God’s Wrath on Sin (**Revelations 14:14-20**)

Wednesday- The Righteous Judge (**Psalms 7:6-17**)

Thursday- Israel’s Treadmill of Sin (**Judges 2:12-23**)

Friday-No One is Righteous (**Isaiah 64:1-7**)

Saturday- Nothing Impure in God’s Presence (**Revelations 21:22-27**)

Sunday- A Plague of Judgment (**Exodus 32:25-35**)