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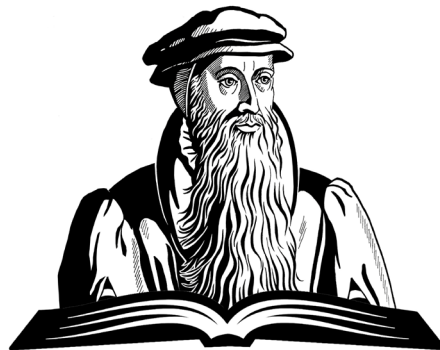
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Moses Intercedes for a Rebellious People

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Lesson 36

Moses Intercedes for a Rebellious People

The Book of Exodus, chapters 32 through 34

Memory Verse

“And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses said unto the people, Ye have sinned a great sin: and now I will go up unto the LORD; peradventure I shall make an atonement for your sin.”

Exodus 32:30

A Rebellious People

God delivered Israel from bondage in Egypt. He brought them through the Red sea. What was the reaction of Israel? Were they thankful? Did they walk in the ways of the Lord? Sadly, no, for while Moses was on the mountain, they transgressed against the goodness of God. Sin is no light thing, for the Lord is “of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity” (Habakkuk 1:13). How had they rebelled against the goodness of God? They came to Aaron and had him make an image—a golden calf—to represent the living God. This act violated God’s command in Exodus 20:4: “Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.”

Why did the people desire an image? Where did the idea come from to build an idol? The idea to build an idol did not come from the Word of God, rather, it came from seeing the different nations around them, who had images of their gods. The great danger here is that they chose to worship God according to their will, rather than according to the way the Lord had revealed that he was to be worshipped. There is a lesson to learn here. Beware of the world. The world seeks to draw us from the Lord and from his Word. Do not worship God as the world would have him worshipped. Rather, worship him according to his Word. Read the Word. Seek to know the Word. Pray that we may walk faithfully, according to the Word.

An Interceding Moses

The anger of the Lord was kindled against the people for their sin of making an idol. In this, we see the terrible consequence of transgressing against the Lord. Having seen how the people had turned aside, the Lord says to Moses, “It is a stiff necked people...therefore let me alone, that my wrath may wax hot against them, and that I may consume them” (Exodus 32:9–10). It would appear that the people were lost. However, we read something incredible. Moses comes forth and pleads for the people. Notice, he does not plead that the sin is a small sin. Nor does he plead that

the people are a good people. That which he pleads is God's covenant faithfulness, and God's glory and honor.

- God's covenant faithfulness: "Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, thy servants, to whom thou swarest by thine own self" (Exodus 32:13).
- God's glory and honor: "Wherefore should the Egyptians speak, and say, For mischief did he bring them out, to slay them in the mountains" (Exodus 32:12).

A Type of Christ

In the actions of Moses, we see a type of the Lord Jesus Christ. Moses lays before the Lord the covenant that the Lord had made with Abraham. It is true the people deserved to die. However, God, remembering his covenant which Moses pleaded, "Repented of the evil which he thought to do unto his people" (Exodus 32:14).

All mankind have transgressed against the Lord. Because of our original sin, and actual sins, all mankind stands guilty before God. However, in Jesus Christ, God has made a way whereby his justice may be satisfied, and sinner may be pardoned. Jesus Christ—God manifest in the flesh—who had no sin, satisfied the just demands of God's law. As the head of the covenant of grace, he stands in the place of his people—all they that put their trust in him. He, like Moses, pleads for his people. Like Moses, he does not plead the goodness of the people, but God's faithfulness to his covenant, and God's anger is turned away.

Review Questions

1. The people asked _____ to make them an idol.
 - a. Moses
 - b. Aaron
 - c. Joshua
 - d. Ithamar
2. The golden calf was made from the gold _____ of the people.
 - a. Bracelets
 - b. Cups
 - c. Earrings
 - d. Coins
3. How many of the people died because of the making of the golden calf?
 - a. 500
 - b. 3,000
 - c. 7,000
 - d. 10,000

4. Because the people had sinned against the Lord in worshipping the golden calf, they were afflicted with a _____.
- a. Famine
 - b. Drought
 - c. Flooding of the land
 - d. Plague

Exodus 33

5. “And the LORD _____ unto _____ to _____, as a _____ speaketh unto his _____.

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6. “And the LORD said, _____, there is a place by me, and thou shalt _____ upon a _____: and it shall come to _____, while my _____ passeth by, that I will put thee in a _____ of the _____, and will _____ thee with my _____ while I pass by: and I will take away mine _____, and thou shalt see my _____ parts: but my _____ shall not be seen.”

Discussion Questions

1. What is the meaning of original sin? and actual sin?

- Original sin _____

- Actual sin _____

2. In pleading with God to stay his anger, Moses says, “Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, thy servants, to whom thou swarest by thine own self” (Exodus 32:13). Explain why this is a better ground to plead than our good works.

3. Compare Moses' intercession for the people of Israel with Christ's interceding for his people.

4. In Exodus 33:18, what did Moses ask to see? What was God's response? How is it possible to come close (to see) to God?

- What did Moses ask to see? _____

- God's response? _____

- How is it possible to come close to (to see) God? _____

5. When Moses ascended the mountain the second time, we read that "The LORD descended in the cloud, and stood with him there" (Exodus 34:5). How does the Lord descend in our day to make himself known?

6. Describe the character of God as revealed in Exodus 34:6-7.

7. What warning does God give to Israel in Exodus 34:12–16? Explain how this is a warning to the church today.
