

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS

October 15, 2025

Exodus 32:19-35

Introduction:

1. Not long after directly hearing the voice of God issue specific commands concerning idolatry, the children of Israel created a golden calf and worshipped it.
 - a) How was their bad decision characterized? (Ex. 32.7,8,21,22,30-33)
 - b) How were the children of Israel characterized? (Ex. 32.7,9,11,14,22,25)
2. As the leader of Israel, Moses dealt with the sin of Israel and what they had become.

I. RIGHTEOUS ANGER

- A. **Exodus 32.19:** *“So Moses’ anger became hot, and he cast the tablets out of his hands and broke them at the foot of the mountain.”*
 1. Anger (ap): Nose. Literally, *“the nose of Moses burned.”* This was a physiological and observable effect of how Moses felt.
 2. Moses expressed his anger in a public way.
 - a) **Exodus 32.19:** *“he cast the tablets out of his hands and broke them at the foot of the mountain.”* Uncontrolled or purposeful? (Deut. 9.17)
 - b) **Exodus 32.20:** Moses made Israel drink the calf.
 3. Compare his reaction to the reaction of Aaron. (Ex. 32.21-24)
- B. The righteous anger of Moses emphasizes the seriousness of sin.
 1. Why is sin so serious? (Isa. 59.2; 1.15; Prov. 15.29; Rom. 6.23)
 2. How are some ways that people react to sin? (Ex. 32.24; 1 Cor. 5.1,2,6; Gal. 6.1)

II. DECISIVE ACTION

- A. The condition of Israel.
 1. **Exodus 32.25:** The people were unrestrained. Literally, let loose.
 2. **Exodus 32.25:** Aaron was an enabler who allowed them to run wild. Are we responsible for the behavior of others? (cf. 1 Sam. 3.13; Ezek. 18.20)
 3. **Exodus 32.25:** Their behavior was visible by their enemies. (Phil. 2.15)
- B. The call for loyalty.
 1. **Exodus 32.26:** *“Whoever is on the Lord’s side—come to me?”*
 2. **Exodus 32.27,28:** The consequence of their sin. (cf. Heb. 2.2,3)
 3. **Exodus 32.29:** The consecration of the Israelites.

III. PASSIONATE INTERCESSION

- A. Moses goes back up the mountain to meet with God.
 1. **Exodus 32.30:** His purpose: *“I can make atonement for your sin”*
 2. **Exodus 32.31,32:** His heart: *“blot me out of Your book”* (cf. Rom. 9.3)
 3. **Exodus 32.33-35:** His response: *“Whoever has sinned against me...”*
- B. God’s justice and mercy are revealed. (Deut. 9.19,20; Rom. 11.22)