

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS

October 8, 2025

Exodus 32:7-10,33-35

Introduction:

1. Exodus can be divided into four sections with each section capturing a reaction.
 - a) **Exodus 32.1:** The reaction of the children of Israel. (cf. Ex. 19.9,19)
 - b) **Exodus 32.2-6:** The reaction of Aaron. (Ex. 32.8).
 - c) **Exodus 32.7-10, 33-35:** The reaction of God.
 - d) **Exodus 32.11-32:** The reaction of Moses.
2. In our text, God reacts to the children of Israel in three ways.

I. THEIR CONDITION

- A. The children of Israel corrupted themselves.
 1. **Exodus 32.7:** *"your people...have corrupted themselves."*
 2. Corrupt (shachat): "to decay, ruin." (cf. Acts 13.35-37; Eph. 4.22)
- B. The children of Israel turned aside.
 1. **Exodus 32.8:** *"They have turned aside quickly out of the way..."*
 2. God gives us a single path to follow. (Isa. 35.8; Matt. 7.13,14; 2 Pet. 2.21)
- C. The children of Israel sinned.
 1. **Exodus 32.8:** *"They have made themselves a molded calf, and worshiped it"*
 2. They gave credit to the idol for saving them - ingratitude! (v. 8; Rom. 1.21)
 3. Six times in this chapter, what they did was called "sin." (Ex. 32.21,30-34)

II. THEIR CHARACTER

- A. God saw their character.
 1. **Exodus 32.9:** *"And the LORD said to Moses, 'I have seen this people'"*
 2. Seen (raitiy): More than an observation. He knew their character. (Ex. 24.3,7)
- B. What did God see?
 1. **Exodus 32.9:** *"I have seen this people, and indeed it is a stiff-necked people!"*
 2. Stiff-necked: an allusion to oxen and donkeys which would stiffen their necks.
 3. A moment of weakness or pattern of behavior? (Deut. 9.6,13; Acts 7.44,45,51)
 4. It is a cautionary tale. (Heb. 3.7-10; 4.11; Prov. 23.7)

III. THEIR CONSEQUENCES

- A. The wrath of God.
 1. **Exodus 32.10:** *"Now therefore, let Me alone, that My wrath may burn hot"*
 2. God wanted to destroy the Israelites and start over with Moses. (Ex. 32.10)
- B. The punishment of God.
 1. They were punished with the sword. (Ex. 32.28)
 2. They were blotted out of God's book. (Ex. 32.33; Ps. 69.28; Rev. 21.27)
 3. They were punished by a plague. (Ex. 32.34,35)