

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS

October 29, 2025

Exodus 32:29-35

### Introduction:

1. **Exodus 32.27:** *“let every man kill his brother, every man his companion, and every man his neighbor.”*
  - a) Brother (family), Compassion (friend), Neighbor (acquaintance).
  - b) Why only three thousand and not all of Israel? (Ex. 32.10)
2. Obeying the commandments of God is hard.
  - a) **Matthew 7.13,14:** *“narrow is the gate and difficult is the way”* Literally, to crush, be squeezed. (cf. 2 Cor. 4.8).
  - b) We are challenged to prioritize Jesus over family. (Luke 14.26)
3. **Exodus 32.28:** *“So the sons of Levi did according to the word of Moses.”*

### I. THE CONSECRATION OF THE LEVITES

- A. **Exodus 32.29:** *“Then Moses said, “Consecrate yourselves today to the LORD”*
  1. Who were the Levites? (Num. 1.47-53)
  2. As priests, they helped maintain Israel’s relationship with God. (cf. Heb. 5.1-4)
- B. The definition of consecration.
  1. Consecrated (qad-des): “to be holy”
    - a) “hallow” (Ex. 29.1), “holy” (Ex. 29.6), and “sanctify” (Ex. 29.33)
    - b) Used in connection with the priesthood and the tabernacle. (Ex. 29.37)
  2. Consecrated (mil): “to fill”
    - a) Often used with yed meaning “hand.” “mil-yed” - “fill the hand.”
    - b) Used in connection with the sacrifices and offerings and carries the idea of preparing or qualifying for service. (Ex. 29.9,10,24)
  3. **Exodus 29.27:** *“And from the ram of the consecration (mil-yed) you shall consecrate (qad-des) the breast...which is for Aaron”*
- C. By obeying the command of God to put their brethren to death, they prepared and qualified themselves for the service of the tabernacle. (Ex. 32.29)

### II. THE INTERCESSION OF MOSES

- A. The purpose of Moses.
  1. **Exodus 32.30:** *“perhaps I can make atonement for your sin.”*
  2. Should that not also be our purpose? (1 John 5.14-17; Luke 13.3; Heb. 6.4-6)
- B. The heart of Moses.
  1. **Exodus 32.31,32:** *“blot me out of Your book which You have written.”*
  2. Should that not be our heart? (Rom. 9.1-3)
- C. The response of God.
  1. **Exodus 32.33-35:** *“Whoever has sinned against Me, I will blot him out”*
  2. Is that also God’s response today? (Rev. 3.5; Rom. 11.22)