

Sermon Notes

Exodus – The Revealing of God’s Glory and His Design for the Chosen #94

“How Quickly Things Can Change” -- Exodus 32:1-6

I. Introduction

A. Pastor Don’s mountaintop and valley experiences.

1. One of my big ones concerned the history of CEPC.

B. Moses had these kind of experiences, too.

1. He had just had a mountaintop experience with God.
2. Yet, a real downer was awaiting him at the foot of Sinai.

C. Golden calves.

1. Egyptian history with their calf idols.
 - a. Sexual deities were connected to the image.
2. The main problem – It was proving to be more difficult to get Egypt out of the Israelites than it was to get the I_____ out of E_____.
 - a. Written for our benefit. I Corinthians 10:6,7,11.

D. Like Israel, we are living between B_____ and the P_____ L_____.

1. Today’s text – Exodus 32:1-6

II. Exposition.

A. Exodus 32:1

1. “Delayed” – derived from a verb meaning to be a_____.
2. “Assembled about Aaron.” The verb indicates sinister intent (See Numbers 16:3; 16:47; 20:2)
3. “Come” or “arise” – In the imperative. A command.
4. “God.” NASU footnotes “gods” – The plural is a closer meaning.
5. “This Moses” – In Hebrew, a disrespectful way of speaking.

B. Exodus 32:2-3

1. Origin of gold – Egypt.
2. Earrings may have cultic significance. See Genesis 35:1-4.

C. Exodus 32:4-5

1. “Fashioned it” or “formed it.” → Term used for the potter’s work on a wheel.
2. “Molten calf” – To pour out.

- a. The sequence appears wrong. The fashioning should follow pouring. However, this is correct and is done for emphasis.

3. “This is your god” or “your gods.”

- a. Syncretism is in view. The calf is somehow connected to Yahweh and additionally more gods will follow.

4. “These are your gods” (verse 4) who brought you out of Egypt.

A contrast to the Book of the Covenant – Exodus 20:2

- a. The people were disobeying God and disobeying their profession – Ex. 24:3b, 7b.

D. Exodus 32:6

1. “Burnt offering” and “Peace offering.” What should have been offered to God was now given to idols.

2. “To play” has a variety of nuances.

_____ -- Gen. 19:14

_____ -- Gen. 32:19; Judges 16:25

_____ -- Gen. 26:8; 39:14,17

III. Points for Reflection

A. The blood of the Covenant had barely dried and the people rose up to play.

1. We tell God that we will never do it again, but we do.

- a. Examples.

- b. Acts 7:39

- c. The real status of the heart.

2. Sin is not so much about what we d__ as much as what we a__.

- a. I John 5:21

B. Impatience is a great sin!

1. Impatience will always get us into trouble.

C. The “you can have it your way” church mantra has no place among the people of God.

1. God’s worship facility would not meet the felt needs of the worshippers.

D. Forgetfulness will cause the people of God grief every time.

1. Psalm 106:29-22

E. All of this points to how much we need a Savior.

1. Knowing the Law is not enough because we c_____ k_____ the L_____.

2. We need a S_____.

3. This leads to worship. – Romans 12:1.