

EXODUS - Lesson 56

Learn: Matthew 10:37-39

Read: Exodus 32:15-35

1. Moses interceded with the LORD on behalf of the nation of Israel, who had turned back to false worship while he had been up on the mountain with God. The LORD accepted Moses' plea. But the situation must still be dealt with. Sin cannot be ignored. What did Moses do? v 15a

2. What did Moses carry with him when he came down from the mountain? vv 15b, 16

3. What did those tables of stone, written by God himself, contain? Exodus 24:12; 34:28

4. We know that God is a Spirit, but we also know that God the Son did on occasion manifest himself in physical form during the Old Testament times. Does the phrase "the finger of God" mean that God stuck out a literal finger from a literal hand which he used to write on the tables of stone? Use the following verses to give understanding. Exodus 8:19; Luke 11:20; Matthew 12:28; Psalm 8:3; Daniel 5:23, 24

5. After re-reading the laws (found in Exodus 20) that the LORD wrote in the stone, record the phrases from the following verses that explain what the 10 Commandments make men to understand about God. II Samuel 22:31; Deuteronomy 32:4; Hebrews 7:26; II Corinthians 5:21

6. What do those laws reveal about all men's standing in God's sight? Matthew 5:21-22, 27, 28; Romans 3:10-12, 19, 20

7. Does who God is, and the impossibility of man's meeting God's standard, make the laws of no benefit to mankind? Explain. Galatians 3:24-26

8. Joshua and Moses heard noise sounding out from the camp as they came down from the mountain. What was Joshua's explanation for the sounds that he heard? v 17

9. Why would Joshua, who was Moses' servant, not understand the meaning of the noise in the camp, while Moses did? Exodus 32:7-10

10. If we would desire to have discernment and understanding of our times, and not be deceived or confused about situations that arise in our lives and times, what must we learn from Moses?

11. What did Moses hear, that Joshua did not discern, concerning the noise that came from the Israelite camp? v 18

12. As soon as the two men came close to the camp, what came into their view? v 19a

13. What was Moses' response? vv 19b, 20 See also Deuteronomy 9:21.

14. Was Moses' anger and response to what the people had done justified? Give reason for your answer.

15. Record Scripture that illustrates Moses' understanding of how the people's behavior showed that their choice of worship made clear that they were rejecting God and all that he had done for them.

16. After dealing with the idol and the people, who did Moses turn to for explanation? v 21

17. What portion of Aaron's answer for himself in, as Moses said, "causing the people to sin" is probable (knowing of past behavior which is recorded in Scripture), and what portion of his answer is totally impossible and untrue? vv 22-24 See also Exodus 32:4.

18. According to Deuteronomy 9:20, how deserving of blame was Aaron, and why was he spared God's judgment?

19. What was part of the evil worship practices that the people had been involved in? v 25 See also I Corinthians 10:7 which speaks of this incident.

20. Because of this rebellion, God called for a clear division in the camp. What was the division based on? v 26

21. What was the cost to those who chose to stand with the LORD? vv 27-29
See also Deuteronomy 33:9 which speaks of the choice that the sons of Levi made on that day.

22. How does the following Scripture speak to this occasion and the children of Levi, as well as to choices the followers of Christ must often make? Matthew 10:32-39

23. After dealing with all that pertained to the sin of the worship of the golden calf in the camp, what did Moses proclaim that he would do on the people's behalf? v 30

24. Moses had such a great love for the LORD and for preserving God's reputation and such a great love for his people that he offered to give his life in exchange for the sins of the nation of Israel. What was God's answer to Moses? v 33

Find other Scriptures that deny the idea that one person can help pay for another person's sins.

25. The LORD accepted Moses' petition on behalf of the nation of Israel which had rebelled against him. What promise for good did the LORD make to Moses? v 34a

26. What consequences for what the people had done would be imposed by God upon the nation? vv 34b, 35

27. What is the lesson for us to be learned from vv 32-35?