

EXODUS - Lesson 55

Learn: I Peter 1:7-9

Read: Exodus 32:1-14

1. What was the reason that the children of Israel decided to gather to approach Aaron? v 1a
2. Would the amount of time that Moses had been gone have been a realistic reason for concern? Explain. Exodus 24:18
3. What was the people's concern or fear, and what was their solution which they called on Aaron to implement? v 1d
4. What characteristics of their being were the people demanding to have satisfied when they voiced their description of what they wanted Aaron to do? v 1c
5. List 4 reasons that the Scripture gives as to the reason that men have this strong propensity to make their own gods which they want to believe will meet all their needs? Ephesians 2:1-3
6. Does the fact that men have this innate desire to worship gods of their own making exonerate them from the responsibility of giving God the worship that he deserves? Explain.
Romans 1:18-23
7. What is the truth about the images that men make to worship in the place of the True God?
Psalm 115:4-7
8. What is true of those people who believe that the idols that they make can do anything to help them?
Psalm 115:4-8

9. Using the above verses and those that follow, contrast the LORD to the idols that the Israelites wanted Aaron to make. Psalm 115:3; Psalm 135:5, 6

10. Did Aaron make a wise choice when dealing with the children of Israel's demand?
Explain. v 2

11. How could a people who had been so powerfully delivered from slavery turn against the very God who had saved them from their enemies? They had witnessed all the miracles that God had done on their behalf, why didn't they trust him to care for them and lead them? Find Scripture that supports your answer.

12. Is the rejection of the God who loved them and cared for them which the children of Israel demonstrated in this instance singular only to Israel, or is it a common malady of people who claim to be followers of God?
Explain using Scripture.

13. What protection is available to those who know the Lord so that they will not fall into the trap of wanting and making their senses to be the measure of their worship and relationship with God? Find Scripture that gives practical help for this danger.

14. Can you give any specific examples of people who claim to be Bible believing Christians falling into this trap of making their feelings and senses to guide their relationship with God in our day?

15. Once Aaron had received the golden earrings of the Israelites how did he proceed? vv 4, 5

16. Aaron knew what he was doing was wrong, what could be the 2 reasons that he succumbed to the wishes of the people? Proverbs 29:25

17. What foolish thing did Aaron do to try to mitigate the wrong that he was doing? v 5b

18. Was the result of the compromise that Aaron made in order to appease the people, while at the same time trying to honor God successful in bringing about true worship of God?
Explain. vv 6, 8b

NOTE: “to play” – The word suggests sex play (it is the same Hebrew word as is used in Genesis 26:8). In light of the drinking, and possible nakedness (Exodus 32:25; I Cor 10:8), the scene likely became a sex orgy.

19. What is the obvious conclusion that a discerning person will come to concerning the outcome of compromising the worship of God which he has commanded in his Word, by adding to it the worship that man devises?

20. How does God regard this mixing of his name with idolatry? vv 7b, 8a, 9b

21. The LORD was filled with wrath towards the nation of Israel for how they had corrupted themselves and rejected him (the one who delivered them), what did he propose to Moses? v 10

22. God used this wickedness of the people to give Moses an opportunity to grow in godliness. Did Moses take the opportunity that the LORD presented to him? Explain. v 11

23. On what 3 characteristics of God did Moses base his plea to the LORD for the preservation of the people? vv 11, 12a, 13

24. What aspect of who the LORD is did Moses want to be upheld? v 12a

25. How did the LORD answer Moses' prayer? v 14

26. Find a verse to show that the LORD had no intention of destroying the nation of Israel, but what he said was rather a test for Moses which would increase Moses love for the LORD and the people.