

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

#95 – Standing in the Gap

Exodus 32:7-14

1. What we do with our time.
2. What we do with our talent.
3. What we do with our treasure.

Exodus 32:7-8

“⁷ Then the Lord spoke to Moses, ‘Go down at once, for your people, whom you brought up from the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves. ⁸ They have quickly turned aside from the way which I commanded them. They have made for themselves a molten calf, and have worshiped it and have sacrificed to it and said, “This is your god, O Israel, who brought you up from the land of Egypt!”’”

Impatience

was a part of the genesis
that led to sin.

Exodus 32:9-10

“⁹ The Lord said to Moses, ‘I have seen this people, and behold, they are an obstinate people. ¹⁰ Now then let Me alone, that My anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them; and I will make of you a great nation.’”

Deuteronomy 9:6, 13; 10:16

“^{9:6} Know, then, it is not because of your righteousness that the Lord your God is giving you this good land to possess, for you are a stubborn people.”

“^{9:13} The Lord spoke further to me, saying, ‘I have seen this people, and indeed, it is a stubborn people.’”

“^{10:16} So circumcise your heart, and stiffen your neck no longer.”

Romans 6:23; 2:5

“6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

“2:5 But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God.”

Genesis 12:2

“² And I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great; and so you shall be a blessing.”

Exodus 32:11-13

“¹¹ Then Moses entreated the Lord his God, and said, ‘O Lord, why does Your anger burn against Your people whom You have brought out from the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹² Why should the Egyptians speak, saying, “With evil intent He brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to destroy them from the face of the earth”?’

Turn from Your burning anger and change
Your mind about doing harm to Your people.
¹³ Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, Your
servants to whom You swore by Yourself, and
said to them, “I will multiply your
descendants as the stars of the heavens, and all
this land of which I have spoken I will give to
your descendants, and they shall inherit it
forever.””””

Deuteronomy 9:25

“²⁵ So I fell down before the Lord the forty days and nights, which I did because the Lord had said He would destroy you.”

Exodus 32:14

“¹⁴ So the Lord changed His mind about the harm which He said He would do to His people.”

Psalm 106:19-23

- “¹⁹ They made a calf in Horeb and worshiped
a molten image.
- ²⁰ Thus they exchanged their glory
for the image of an ox that eats grass.
- ²¹ They forgot God their Savior,
Who had done great things in Egypt,
- ²² Wonders in the land of Ham
and awesome things by the Red Sea.
- ²³ Therefore He said that He would destroy them,
Had not Moses His chosen one stood
in the breach before Him.”

The Hebrew verb translated
as “**relent**” or “**repent**”
does not always mean
to change one’s mind.

1. No excuses
2. No extenuating circumstances
3. No offering of their good points (merits).

Romans 3:10,11

“¹⁰ As it is written, ‘THERE IS NONE
RIGHTEOUS, NOT EVEN ONE; ¹¹
THERE IS NONE WHO UNDERSTANDS,
THERE IS NONE WHO SEEKS FOR
GOD.’”

He appealed to God's fatherly affection.

Exodus 32:11

“¹¹ Then Moses entreated the Lord his God, and said, ‘O Lord, why does Your anger burn against Your people whom You have brought out from the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand?’”

Exodus 4:22

“²² Then you shall say to Pharaoh, ‘Thus says the Lord, "Israel is My son, My firstborn."’”

Ephesians 1:4

“⁴ Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him.”

John 10:29b

“^{29b} ... and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand.”

a. We have been saved from ourselves!

Moses appealed to God's past investment.

Exodus 32:11

“¹¹ Then Moses entreated the Lord his God, and said, ‘O Lord, why does Your anger burn against Your people whom You have brought out from the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand?’”

Exodus 20:2

“² I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.”

Philippians 1:6

“⁶ For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.”

Moses appealed to God on the
basis of His public reputation.

Exodus 7:5

“⁵ The Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I stretch out My hand on Egypt and bring out the sons of Israel from their midst.”

Exodus 32:12a

“^{12a} Why should the Egyptians speak, saying, ‘With evil intent He brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to destroy them from the face of the earth’?”

Moses appealed to God on the
basis of His merciful compassion.

Exodus 32:11

“¹¹ Then Moses entreated the Lord his God, and said, ‘O Lord, why does Your anger burn against Your people whom You have brought out from the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand?’”

Moses appealed based upon
God's everlasting covenant.

Exodus 32:13

“¹³ Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, Your servants to whom You swore by Yourself, and said to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heavens, and all this land of which I have spoken I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’”

Hebrews 13:20

“²⁰ Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord.”

II Timothy 2:13

“¹³ If we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself.”

**Another mediator has arisen
in the likeness of Moses,
but His intercession is better and
guaranteed in His own blood.**

John 3:16

“¹⁶ For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.”

John 17:2

“² ...even as You gave Him authority over all flesh, that to all whom You have given Him, He may give eternal life.”

John 17:9

“⁹ I ask on their behalf; I do not ask on behalf of the world, but of those whom You have given Me; for they are Yours.”

John 17:11

“¹¹ I am no longer in the world; and yet they themselves are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your name, the name which You have given Me, that they may be one even as We are.”

Romans 8:34

“³⁴ Who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.”

I John 2:1b-2a

“^{1b} ... And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ^{2a} and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins....”