

Sermon Notes

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¹⁸ When the Lord finished speaking to Moses on Mount Sinai, he gave him the two tablets of the covenant law, the tablets of stone inscribed by the finger of God.

¹ When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said, “Come, make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don’t know what has happened to him.”

² Aaron answered them, “Take off the gold earrings that your wives, your sons and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me.” ³ So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron. ⁴ He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool. Then they said, “These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.”

⁵ When Aaron saw this, he built an altar in front of the calf and announced, “Tomorrow there will be a festival to the Lord.” ⁶ So the next day the people rose early and sacrificed burnt offerings and presented fellowship offerings. Afterward they sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.

⁷ Then the Lord said to Moses, “Go down, because your people, whom you brought up out of Egypt, have become corrupt. ⁸ They have been quick to turn away from what I commanded them and have made themselves an idol cast in the shape of a calf. They have bowed down to it and sacrificed to it and have said, ‘These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.’

⁹ “I have seen these people,” the Lord said to Moses, “and they are a stiff-necked people. ¹⁰ Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation.”

¹¹ But Moses sought the favor of the Lord his God. “Lord,” he said, “why should your anger burn against your people, whom you brought out of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand? ¹² Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out, to kill them in the mountains and to wipe them off the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce anger; relent and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³ Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to whom you swore by your own self: ‘I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and I will give your descendants all this land I promised them, and it will be their inheritance forever.’” ¹⁴ Then the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

¹⁵ Moses turned and went down the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands. They were inscribed on both sides, front and back. ¹⁶ The tablets were the work of God; the writing was the writing of God, engraved on the tablets. Exodus 31:18 – 32:16

1. The Valley.

They kept the covenant somewhere between day ____ and day ____.

They weren’t interested in a god they could ____ but a god who they could _____.

“Tomorrow there will be a festival to the Lord,” _____

Aaron seems to be attempting to mesh the religions they knew in Egypt with the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. _____

They were attempting to fit God into their _____ rather than let God take them to _____ He had for them.

2. The Mountain

God reveals that He knows what is happening down in the valley.

40 days and 40 nights is often connected with a period of _____.

The Israelites are being _____.

Just because God knows something is going to happen, it doesn't mean it doesn't _____.

“now leave me alone so my anger can blaze against them and I may destroy them”

How you read these details reveals a lot about how you _____.

Moses tells us God is a _____, God.

“¹⁴ Then the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.”

Moses is accurate in everything he says about God, but did God really need a reminder?
_____.

Theophanies, Christophanies, and Typologies

As Moses contends with God, we see Moses _____ for the people. Moses does here what Jesus does.

If you downplay _____ then it becomes difficult to understand the scene, and it becomes difficult to understand just what Jesus has done for us.

We are the Israelites at the base of the mountain.

¹⁸ The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness, ¹⁹ since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. ²⁰ For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse. ²¹ For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²² Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools ²³ and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles. ²⁴ Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. ²⁵ They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen. Romans 1:18-25

Moses makes a case, not for Israel but for _____.

Jesus makes a case for _____, because Jesus shows us _____.

Jesus has interceded for us and rescued us from the wrath of God.

Life

Our sin has put us at odds with God, but Jesus wants to continually repair that, His success through the cross has put Him in the position so that God, without changing who He is, can offer you this deep relationship of being His people... _____.

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“The days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them,” declares the Lord. ³³ “This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time,” declares the Lord. “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. Jeremiah 31:31-33

The life we are offered is that he will write his law on our hearts... that He will change our very hearts to _____ what He _____ and to _____ the way He has called us to _____.