

Sermon Notes

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¹⁷ When Joshua heard the noise of the people shouting, he said to Moses, “There is the sound of war in the camp.”

¹⁸ Moses replied: “It is not the sound of victory, it is not the sound of defeat; it is the sound of singing that I hear.”

¹⁹ When Moses approached the camp and saw the calf and the dancing, his anger burned and he threw the tablets out of his hands, breaking them to pieces at the foot of the mountain. ²⁰ And he took the calf the people had made and burned it in the fire; then he ground it to powder, scattered it on the water and made the Israelites drink it.

²¹ He said to Aaron, “What did these people do to you, that you led them into such great sin?”

²² “Do not be angry, my lord,” Aaron answered. “You know how prone these people are to evil. ²³ They said to me, ‘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.’ ²⁴ So I told them, ‘Whoever has any gold jewelry, take it off.’ Then they gave me the gold, and I threw it into the fire, and out came this calf!”

²⁵ Moses saw that the people were running wild and that Aaron had let them get out of control and so become a laughingstock to their enemies. ²⁶ So he stood at the entrance to the camp and said, “Whoever is for the Lord, come to me.” And all the Levites rallied to him.

²⁷ Then he said to them, “This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: ‘Each man strap a sword to his side. Go back and forth through the camp from one end to the other, each killing his brother and friend and neighbor.’” ²⁸ The Levites did as Moses commanded, and that day about three thousand of the people died. ²⁹ Then Moses said, “You have been set apart to the Lord today, for you were against your own sons and brothers, and he has blessed you this day.”

³⁰ The next day Moses said to the people, “You have committed a great sin. But now I will go up to the Lord; perhaps I can make atonement for your sin.”

³¹ So Moses went back to the Lord and said, “Oh, what a great sin these people have committed! They have made themselves gods of gold. ³² But now, please forgive their sin—but if not, then blot me out of the book you have written.”

³³ The Lord replied to Moses, “Whoever has sinned against me I will blot out of my book. ³⁴ Now go, lead the people to the place I spoke of, and my angel will go before you. However, when the time comes for me to punish, I will punish them for their sin.”

³⁵ And the Lord struck the people with a plague because of what they did with the calf Aaron had made. Exodus 32:17-35

1. Joshua.

Joshua remained _____, waiting for Moses to return, even though it was a long time and there was the _____.

2. Tablets were broken to pieces at the foot of the mountain.

Moses led the Israelites out of the camp to the _____ to meet with God.
Now it is where the _____ on the ground.

3. Burned the calf, ground it to powder, scattered it on the water, and made the Israelites drink it.

This god that they have been bowing down to and worshiping has been proven _____. Moses pulverizes this “god,” and it does nothing.

4. Aaron blames the people.

_____ that he actually told them, “bring them to him” (the earrings).

_____ the detail that he carved the calf with a tool.

5. Whoever is for the Lord, come to me!

The Levites hadn't become the _____ yet.

They don't know that God has selected them for _____.

6. Moses' words:

"Perhaps I can make _____ for you."

Atonement means a covering or a sacrifice, a substitute, however, in the Old Testament, it also included _____.

He is going to see if he can help repair the _____ relationship.

He doesn't desire to be made into a great nation as God had mentioned in verse 10, but that he wants to be part of God _____ into a great nation.

Theophanies, Christophanies, and Typologies

1. _____ is a type for Christ

Those 40 days and 40 nights tested Joshua, and he succeeded; he didn't break the covenant with God.

The name Jesus is a Greek translation of the name Joshua, and they both mean _____.

2. _____ is a type for Christ.

Because God doesn't completely destroy the nation, Moses' interceding was instrumental in _____ for Israel.

In spite of how great Moses is, even he doesn't offer to be a substitute for his people. Only Jesus does that.

3. The broken tablets.

The 1st set of tablets are like _____, who sinned and broke God's law. The second set of tablets are like _____, made of man (because He was human), and He _____.

4. About 3000 people died that day.

³⁸ Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call." ⁴⁰ With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." ⁴¹ Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. Acts 2:38-41

The law brought death, but the spirit gives life.

Life

"Whoever is for the Lord, come to me."

Today, Jesus is not merely a new Moses calling people to a new law, but the risen Lord inviting people into _____ by grace through faith.