

When We Fail

Exodus 32 - 34 (Living in Covenant Series)

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The backdrop (Ex. 19-24 & 24-31):

- Aaron, his sons, and 70 Israelite elders _____ with God (Ex. 20:10-11)
- The congregation of Israel _____ repeated, "All that the Lord has spoken we will do." (Ex. 19:8, 24:3, 24:7)
- God _____ repeated, "I will dwell among them" (Ex. 25:8, 29:45, 29:46)

Israelite congregational problem:

- Israel quickly became _____ when there was slight _____ (Ex. 32:1)
- Aaron should not have been unsettled and should have _____ this.
- Aaron tried to please the crowd and make the sin seem ok by calling it a feat to the _____ (Ex. 32:4-5).
- They _____ the first three Commandments through...
 - _____: combining beliefs and practices of two or more different (or otherwise opposed) religions, philosophies, etc.

God's reaction:

- While God reached out to them to _____ on them, they actively rebelled against Him by searching for other ways to have their needs met.
- They deserved God's _____ (Ex. 32:7-10).
- Moses successfully _____ (Ex. 32:11-14).

Moses' reaction:

- Moses comes down the mountain, smashes the _____ God had written for Israel in stone. Pictures how Israel had done that through their actions (Ex. 32:19). Compare with 34:29-35.

- Moses led in _____ 3,000 of the evil doers – there was still hope!
- Moses wanted to be the _____ for the congregation, but there is only one who could do that, and Jesus had not yet come!
 - Each one is responsible for their own rebellion (Ex. 32:33-35).
 - Sin's _____ remained as a reminder even though forgiveness was granted.

Contrast Moses & Israel (Ex 33:7-11)

- Two things evident from Moses close fellowship recorded:
 - 1) Insight into the _____ Moses had with God
“Thus the LORD used to speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend.” (Ex. 33:11a, ESV)
 - Anthropomorphism: ascribing _____ traits to God to help us understand God
 - 2) Israel’s rebellion resulted in _____ from God
- Israel respected Jehovah as _____ and _____.

What we see in Exodus 32-24

- The deep rebellion of Israel
- Moses’ desperate pleas for mercy on their behalf
- Moses’ own righteous anger and chastisement of the congregation
- The resulting distance between God and His people
- The continued and starkly contrasting (compared to Israel’s) fellowship and intimacy between God and Moses
- God renews His offer of a covenant with the congregation of Israel
- Moses final decent from Mt. Sinai is opposite from the previous (Ex. 34:29-35). Compare with 32:19.

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- Aaron, his sons, and 70 Israelite elders fellowshipped with God (Ex. 20:10-11)
- The congregation of Israel thrice repeated, “All that the Lord has spoken we will do.” (Ex. 19:8, 24:3, 24:7)
- God thrice repeated, “I will dwell among them” (Ex. 25:8, 29:45, 29:46)

Israelite congregational problem:

- Israel quickly became anxious when there was slight delay (Ex. 32:1)
- Aaron should not have been unsettled and should have stood against this.
- Aaron tried to please the crowd and make the sin seem ok by calling it a feat to the LORD (Ex. 32:4-5).
- They despised the first three Commandments through...
 - Sycretism: combining beliefs and practices of two or more different (or otherwise opposed) religions, philosophies, etc.

God's reaction:

- While God reached out to them to love on them, they actively rebelled against Him by searching for other ways to have their needs met.
- They deserved God's wrath (Ex. 32:7-10).
- Moses successfully interceded (Ex. 32:11-14).

Moses' reaction:

- Moses comes down the mountain, smashes the covenant God had written for Israel in stone. Pictures how Israel had done that through their actions (Ex. 32:19).
- Moses led in punishing 3,000 of the evil doers – there was still hope!
- Moses wanted to be the atonement for the congregation, but there is only one who could do that, and Jesus had not yet come!
 - Each one is responsible for their own rebellion (Ex. 32:33-35).
 - Sin's (temporal) consequences remained as a reminder even though forgiveness was granted.

Contrast Moses & Israel (Ex 33:7-11)

- Two things evident from Moses close fellowship recorded:
 - 2) Insight into the **intimacy** Moses had with God
 - “Thus the LORD used to speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend.” (Ex. 33:11a, ESV)
 - Anthropomorphism: ascribing **human** traits to God to help us understand God
 - 3) Israel’s rebellion resulted in **distancing** from God
- Israel respected Jehovah as **God** and **King**.

What we see in Exodus 32-24

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