

CHURCH PRAYER MEETING

Text: Exodus 32:14-35

GOD'S RESPONSE TO MOSES' INTERCESSION

1. Relenting from God noted:- Exodus 32:14
2. Reasons not disclosed
3. Results:-
 - a) Anger turned away
 - b) Dire punishment averted
 - c) The children of Israel were spared

MOSES DESCENDS FROM THE MOUNTAIN

1. The two tablets of the Testimony were with him Exodus 32:15
2. Features
 - a) Hand written by God Exodus 32:16
 - b) Written on both sides Exodus 32:15

MOSES AND JOSHUA

(On the way down from the mountain)

1. Joshua's remark
There is a noise of war in the camp Exodus 32:17
2. Moses' rejoinder
 - a) It is not the noise of the shout of victory
 - b) Nor the noise of the cry of defeat
 - c) But the sound of singing I hear Exodus 32:18

THE ANGER OF MOSES

1. What Moses saw
 - a) The golden calf
 - b) The people dancing Exodus 32:19
2. What Moses felt
 - a) Great anger Exodus 32:19
 - b) Expressions of his anger

- i) He cast and broke the Stone Tablets Exodus 32:19
- ii) He grounded the golden calf into powder Exodus 32:1:26
- iii) Scattered it on the water Exodus 32:26
- iv) Made the children of Israel drink the water Exodus 32:26

3. Confrontation with Aaron

- a) What did this people do to you?
- b) That you have brought so great a sin upon them? Exodus 32:27

4. Aaron's excuse

- a) Addresses Moses as "My lord" Exodus 32:28
- b) He tries to appease Moses Exodus 32:28
 - i) Do not let the anger of my lord become hot
 - ii) You know the people, that they are set on evil Exodus 32:22
 - iii) They asked for gods to be made to go before them Exodus 32:23
 - iv) They disdained Moses Exodus 32:23
 - v) Aaron asked for gold and made the golden calf Exodus 32:24

SURVEYING THE SITUATION

- 1. The people were unrestrained Exodus 32:25
- 2. Moses made a bold challenge Exodus 32:26
 - a) Whoever was on the Lord's side- Come to me
 - b) All the sons of Levi gathered to him

A PAINFUL DECISION

- 1. Thus says the LORD God of Israel Exodus 32:27
 - a) This was from the Lord
 - b) This was not Moses' decision
- 2. Order given
 - a) To kill all who worshipped the golden calf
 - b) 3000 people fell that day Exodus 32:27-28
 - c) The sons of Levi obeyed this order