

"The LAW – The LOVE – The LIFE!" Exodus Chapter 32

~ FOUR LESSONS FOR HUMANITY & CHRISTIANITY:

> (v1-10) LESSON #1 – BEWARE OF IDOLATRY & FALSE GODS!

(v1-6) <u>Israel's Apostasy through Idolatry</u> - The golden calf was adopted from one of the many Egyptian gods, this god was *Apis* representing *fertility and strength*.

- Beware the Four Steps in Backsliding:
- (1) Impatience with God's providence (v1a);
- (2) Desire for visible signs in worship (v1b-4);
- (3) Compromise with true forms of worship (v5);
- (4) Surrender to carnal passion (v6).

(v7-10) God's Indignation – Romans 1:16-32

> (v11-14) LESSON #2 – INTERCEDE FOR SINFUL PEOPLE!

(v11-14) Moses mediation was:

- (1) Submissive (v11)
- (2) Comprehensive (v12)
- (3) Responsive (v13)
- The Son of God, our Lord Jesus Christ is our SAVIOR and MEDIATOR! 1 Timothy 2:3-6 This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all men the testimony given in its proper time.
- In verse 14 the word *relent* or *repent* depending on the translation is *nacham* in Hebrew, which speaks of a change of heart or disposition, a change of mind, a change of purpose, or an emphasis upon the change of one's conduct.

> (v15-29) INDIGNATION BRINGS CONSECRATION!

- Notice Aaron's compromise in verses 22-24, let's take note of compromise in church leaders according to 2 Timothy 4:1-5.
- Pay close attention to verse 26 "Whoever is on the LORD's side—come to me!" Have you made a decision for Jesus Christ! If not, you will perish!

Jesus said in Luke 13:3-5 - I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish. Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them, do you think that they were worse sinners than all other men who dwelt in Jerusalem? I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish."

Jesus said in John 3:14-17 - And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

- Those who were killed did not want to repent of their sins, but continued in their immorality, idolatry, and rebellion against God. Idols are made and worshipped after the ungodliness and unrighteousness of our own hearts.

(v29) What is CONSECRATION?

> <u>LESSON</u> #4 – RECEIVE THE INVITATION!

(v30-35) Moses Intercession – Moses prayer of intercession includes *identification and confession* (1 John 1:8-9).

- Moses was willing to give up his life for the people when he said, "blot me out of the Your book which you have written."
- Paul the apostle felt the same way for his Jewish brethren in Romans 9:1-5 I speak the truth in Christ I am not lying, my conscience confirms it in the Holy Spirit— I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, those of my own race, the people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption as sons; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises. Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of Christ, who is God over all, forever praised! Amen.
- The plague (v35) We are reminded in Galatians 6:7-9 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.
- <u>HERE' YOUR INVITATION TO SALVATION!</u> Romans 10:8-13 But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. For "whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved."