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LESSON 49 EXODUS 32:1-14

In Exodus 32, the scene shifts back to the people as they have grown impatient with the return of Moses from the mountain top. Exodus 32-35:3 describes the breaking of the covenant and subsequent renewal.

1. Vv1-6 describe the interaction between the people and Aaron. In v1, what is the mood and design of the people?
 - Why would it be both natural and ironic that they would go to Aaron?
 - What is the people's excuse?
 - What are the major problems with the people's response to this point?
2. In v2, what is Aaron's response?
 - What is lacking in Aaron's response?
3. What does Aaron's response do in v3?
4. How do we see the willfulness of both Aaron and the people in v4?
5. What is syncretism and perhaps how is it displayed in v5?
6. What do the people's responses in v6 say concerning the people's religiousness?

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7. Vv7-14 describe the interaction between Jehovah and Moses as God reveals to Moses what is happening in the camp. The LORD perhaps both tests Moses and brings ringing accusation against the people. What are the several fold points of the accusation against the people in vv7-8?
 - How do they warn us of possible deviations in our worship?

8. What is Jehovah's characterization of the people in v9 and what does it mean?
 - Christians are indwelt by the Holy Spirit and should be filled with the Holy Spirit. Are there areas in your life where this characterization might be said of you?

9. What is the extent of Jehovah's wrath in v10?
 - What are perhaps Jehovah's tests for Moses in v7 and v10, even though there is a real crisis and threat?

10. Vv11-14 give Moses' response to Jehovah. It gives insight into the mind of Moses and the things that God has been building into him. What is Moses' basic attitude in v11 as reflected in his request in v12?
 - What are the three arguments that Moses sets before God to dissuade Him from His threatened wrath?

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- What might they tell us about intercessory prayer?
- What is Jehovah's response to Moses' intercession?
- How does this speak to the sovereign plan and determined purpose of God? The place of prayer in that?