

(Through the Bible) Exodus 30-32

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The sermon emphasizes the importance of consecrating our talents and abilities to God, and recognizing His sovereignty over our lives.

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Scripture: Exodus 32:30-32, Exodus 32:34-35, Exodus 33:14-16, Exodus 38:25-27

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Description

In this sermon, the speaker discusses the story of Moses and the Israelites in the book of Exodus. He focuses on the incident where the Israelites worshiped a golden calf while Moses was receiving the Ten Commandments from God on Mount Sinai. Moses becomes angry and breaks the tablets, symbolizing the people's disobedience. The speaker emphasizes the importance of God's compassion and transformation in our lives, as well as the need for intercession and prayer for a sick nation. The sermon also highlights Moses' honesty and persistence in seeking forgiveness from God for the people's sin, despite initially being reluctant to lead them.

Transcript

Thou shalt make an altar, to burn the incense upon. Of acacia wood shalt thou make it. And it's to be eighteen by eighteen and forty-five inches high.

This is the little altar that was set in the holy place before the veil that separated the holy place from the holy of holies. Overlay it with pure gold, the top thereof and the sides round about, and the horns thereof. And so it's a little altar only of gold, and it's to burn incense, a sweet-smelling savor again before God.

And the rings in it so that they can carry it with the golden staves that are through it. And Aaron shall burn thereon sweet incense every morning. When he dresses the lamps, he shall burn incense upon it.

And when Aaron lights the lamps in the evening, he shall burn incense upon it, a perpetual incense before the Lord throughout your generation. So along with the putting of the oil in the lampstands to keep them burning morning and evening, there was also the putting of the incense on this little altar. So in this holy of holies, there was always the sweet smell of incense burning and the lamps that were burning.

It was just unto the Lord there perpetually. And ye shall offer no strange incense thereon, nor burnt sacrifice or meat offerings, neither shall you pour drink offerings thereon. It was just a little incense altar

and nothing else on it.

And Aaron shall make an atonement or a covering upon the horns of it once a year with the blood of the sin offering of atonements. Once in the year shall he make atonement upon it, Yom Kippur actually, the day of atonement. Throughout your generations it is the most holy unto the Lord.

And the Lord spake unto Moses saying, When you take the census of the children of Israel after their number, then shall you give every man a ransom for his soul unto the Lord, when you numbering them, that there may be no plague among them when you number them. This they shall give every one that passes among them that are numbered, a half a shekel after the shekel of the sanctuary, a shekel is twenty geras, and a half shekel shall be the offering of the Lord. And every one that passes among them that are numbered from twenty years old and above shall give an offering unto the Lord.

The rich shall not give more, the poor shall not give less than a half a shekel when they give an offering to the Lord that shall make a covering for your souls. And thou shalt take the atonement or covering money of the children of Israel and shall appoint it for the service of the tabernacle of the congregation that it may be a memorial unto the children of Israel before the Lord to make a covering for your souls. So they did not actually take a census as such.

They were forbidden by God to number the people. But once a year every man above twenty years old had to give a half shekel. So they'd count the half shekels and they'd know how many people there were.

But no census because that was forbidden. But this was the way of taking the census actually. Every man gave a half of a shekel which was to actually purchase the lands and the offerings and to keep, you know, things functioning there.

The rich were not to give more, the poor were not to give less. It was a half shekel for everybody. No favoritism because a person was rich.

Just everyone giving the same amount. And the Lord spake unto Moses saying, Thou shalt also make a labor of brass and his foot also of brass to wash. And thou shalt put it between the tabernacle of the congregation and the altar and thou shalt put water in it.

So this big bathtub, a brass tub for the washing of the priest. And that was before the, as they would come in to the gate of this little enclosure. The first thing was this brass tub to wash in.

And then next the brass altar. And then the tabernacle itself where they would go in. For Aaron his son shall wash their hands and their feet.

And when they go into the tabernacle of the congregation they shall wash with water that they die not. Or when they come near the altar to minister to burn offering made by fire to the Lord. So here is again an occupational hazard.

They forget to wash before they go in. They get wiped out. Now this could be what happened to Aaron's sons.

It could be that they just got excited when they saw the fire of God and ran in there without washing. And got wiped out. Or it could be that they've been drinking some wine and were under false stimulant.

Because later on after they died God said to Moses tell Aaron that neither he nor his sons are to drink any wine or strong drink when they offer the Lord lest they die. So very hazardous job being a priest in those days. So they shall wash their hands and their feet that they die not.

And it shall be a statute forever. Moreover the Lord spake unto Moses saying and now this is the anointing oil and how they were to make it. Thou shall also take these principal spices myrrh 500 shekels sweet cinnamon 250 shekels and sweet calamus 250 shekels cassia 500 shekels after the shekel of the sanctuary and of oil and hen and hen is about six quarts and the shekel is about 65 cents worth.

So 65 cents worth of myrrh and 65 times 500 65 cents times 500 Thou shall make it an oil of holy ointment an ointment compounded after the art of the apothecary the druggist it shall be a holy anointing oil and thou shall anoint the tabernacle of the congregation with it and the ark of testimony and the table and all the vessels the candlesticks and all the vessels the altar of incense the altar of burnt offering the vessels and the labor with this foot and thou shall sanctify them that they may be most holy and whatsoever touches them shall be holy and thou shall anoint Aaron and his sons and consecrate them that they may minister unto me in the priest's office and thou shall speak to the children of Israel saying this shall be a holy anointing oil unto me throughout all your generations

among man's flesh shall it not be poured neither shall you make any other like it after the composition of it it is holy and it shall be holy unto you whosoever will compound anything like it or whosoever puts any of it upon a stranger shall even be cut off from his people Now as I was first reading through the Bible and I was reading of this oil and all I thought oh that would be interesting to go ahead and put together these spices and make some of this oil until I got down to the verse 32 and then I decided not to do it and the Lord said unto Moses take unto these sweet spices I'm not going to even try their names and make a perfume after the art of the apothecary tempered together pure and holy and thou shalt beat some of it very small and put it in before the testimony of the

tabernacle and the congregation where I will meet with thee and it shall be unto you most holy as for the perfume which thou shalt make ye shall not make it to yourselves according to the composition thereof it shall be unto thee holy for the Lord so a separate oil a separate perfume only to be used for God whosoever shall make anything like unto the smell of it shall be cut off from his people The Lord spake unto Moses saying see I have called by name Basileel the son of Uriah the son of her of the tribe of Judah I have filled him with the spirit of God in wisdom and understanding and in knowledge and in all manner of workmanship to devise cunning works to work in gold and in silver and in brass so now God has anointed Basileel and given him certain talents and abilities it is marvelous

to see people who have just innate abilities and talents that have been given to them by God it's just in them it's encoded I think in their gene structures there are some people that just have natural music ability and I don't care how hard you study music you can never achieve what they have achieved just through natural innate ability there are people who are natural linguists languages just come naturally to them one of the translators of King James and I'm going to bring you some lessons on the King James translations one of these days and show you why I am opposed to anything other than the King James translation why I believe that it was inspired of God like no other translation has been since there is an endeavor to put down the scholarship of the King James translation but I'm

going to show you some interesting facts of history of what really happened to translations and I'm going to show you the error of the reasoning of Westcott and Hort who created the text from which all modern

translations are taken basing what they said the most ancient manuscripts would be the more correct manuscripts I'm going to show you the fallacy of their reasoning a conspiracy of Satan to rob us from the true Word of God and I'll be showing you the errors of a lot of these modern translations because they were taken from Westcott and Hort people say oh but the King James is so hard to read listen there's nothing like it now they are coming out with a new King James the New Testament is now out they've gone back to Textus Receptus this is one of the best things that has happened in

translation because I believe that the Textus Receptus is closer to the original text than anything else I think that the Westcott and Hort text is a gigantic perversion of Satan to rob from the deity of Jesus Christ because of the Aryan influence in the early church and of the 50 copies that were made in Alexandria in which they deliberately perverted and changed the scriptures that had to do with the deity of Jesus Christ from which came the Codex Sinaiticus, the Codex and also the Vulgate for Jerome used it in his translation and I'll show you where the true translations came from the church of Antioch which was interested in keeping the purity of the scriptures quite a bit there to learn and to know don't let anybody put down your King James there are some 1128 changes in the revised

standard that are horrible they are doing away with the deity of Christ I do not respect or admire the so called scholarship of Westcott and Hort, I think they were a couple of big plants they put down the scholarship of King James and this is where I was started one of the translators of King James could read and write Hebrew when he was 5 years old a natural linguist could converse in 45 different languages now some people are just born with that ability some people are born with mathematic ability some people are born with electronic abilities some people are born with artistic abilities there are certain innate abilities that men have now these innate abilities actually come as a gift from God what you do with them is up to you, but it's tragic when a person takes an ability given to

him by God and prostitutes it for his own profit or gain whatever God has given to us, He has given to us to use for His glory languages were the hardest thing in the world for me I struggle with languages it didn't come easy at all and yet some people just have no problem with language and the study of foreign languages just comes so easy for them it's just an inward gift it's just something that is there I've been looking for what God has gifted me with for a long time one of these days I hope to find it but I'm just Mr.

Plain Normal but I love to see people who have been gifted of God I love to see an artist really gifted artist as they're drawing or as they're working, it to me is just fascinating, I love to watch a gifted carpenter people who have just been given that innate ability to do things, now God said I put my spirit on Basilio for skillful, cunning work this fellow was just anointed of God to be the superintendent and to oversee to make sure it was all done right and that to me is glorious that God has so gifted people in various areas now that's where the body is neat because as we are here in the body, we have every kind of gift imaginable here within the body there's really probably nothing that we can't do collectively we announced the problem with the brakes on the truck up at camp fellow

came out and said well I drive a truck and I'll take my toolbox and he went up and fixed the brakes that's neat if I had gone up there to look at the brakes I wouldn't have known where to start looking and so it's glorious that God has brought together collectively and all of us probably the abilities and the talents for just about anything the whole body concept is beautiful because as we pool the resources together oh so much can be accomplished for God with the pooling of our combined abilities and talents and that's what God intends is that we each put our part in and the body is composed of many parts and not all parts do the same thing your hands can't do what your feet were designed to do, your feet can't do what your

hands were designed to do but each part is important to the

functioning of the body so here we are the body of Christ and God has you here for a plan and for a purpose your place within the body to fill that place and when the need arises in which God has given you those special talents and abilities you can step in and say well hey I can do that, you know there's none of that oh yes there is something to that if you don't know anything about it if you haven't been talented by God in that area so the collective pooling of the resources, our talents as we anoint, give them to God and let them be anointed this way because always, always your talent will find its greatest release when anointed of God's spirit and doing the work of God and anything less will always be a little unsatisfactory, you won't have a total sense of fulfillment until you've

consecrated to God let Him anoint it and let Him use it and then oh the glory that comes from consecrating my talent to God and letting Him use it for His glory it's really great so Basilio a man anointed to devise the cunning works to work in gold, silver, brass, he's just a natural at it, in cutting of stones, carving the timber in the work in all kinds of workmanship, a guy just skilled with his hands, now I've given with him a holy egg from the tribe of Dan and in the hearts of all that are wise hearted I have put wisdom that they may make all that I have commanded thee, the tabernacle of the congregation, the ark of the testimony, the mercy seat, the furniture of the tabernacle, the table and all of these things God just gave these fellows these abilities and wisdom the Lord's

begging to Moses saying speak thou also unto the children of Israel saying, verily my sabbaths shall ye keep for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations that you may know that I am the Lord that doth sanctify you, ye shall keep the sabbaths therefore it is holy unto you everyone that defiles it shall surely be put to death for whosoever doeth any work therein that soul shall be cut off from among his people six days may work be done but in the seventh is the sabbath of rest holy to the Lord, whosoever doeth any work on the sabbath day he shall surely be put to death, capital punishment wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath to observe the sabbath throughout their generations for a perpetual covenant, it is a sign between me and the children of Israel

forever for in six days the Lord made the heaven and the earth in the seventh day he rested and was refreshed and so he gave unto Moses and he made an end to the communion with him on mount Sinai gave him the two tables of testimony the tables of stone written with the finger of God, now notice on the sabbath day that it is a definite covenant between God and the nation Israel for their generations between me and Israel forever, the sabbath was not a law made for the gentile and nowhere in the scripture except where a gentile would move into Israel was he to observe the sabbath but the gentile church was never placed under the sabbath law in the scriptures and in the early church when there was an endeavor to put the gentile church under the law a council was called in Jerusalem in which

it was determined that they should not try to put the gentiles under the law which Peter called a yoke of bondage which neither we nor our fathers were able to keep, why should we tie it on the necks of the gentiles and so when they wrote to them the gentile church of Antioch concerning its relationship to the law of Moses they said keep yourself from fornication and from things that are strangled and if you do this you do well, God bless you but nothing about the observance of the sabbath day and thus Paul the apostle said in Romans 14 one man esteems one day above another, another man esteems every day alike, let everyone be wholly persuaded in his own mind in Colossians he said therefore let no man judge you in respect to sabbath days, new moons, holy days which were all a shadow of

things to come, the real substances of Christ, now what was the Jewish sabbath signifying signifying that God wanted his people to rest in him but they never did rest in him even though they did nothing on the sabbath day now Christ is the fulfillment of the sabbath day for Christ is our rest and we who are in Christ have entered into his rest, so we have a perpetual sabbath I have ceased from my own labors I have entered into the finished work of Jesus Christ and even as God is now resting in the finished work of Jesus Christ as far as my salvation I must rest where God is resting and realize that there is no work that I can offer to God of my hands that can save me the only thing that can possibly save me is Jesus Christ and his sacrifice for my sins and I rest in that sacrifice, that

finished work of Jesus Christ as far as my salvation is concerned I am resting that Christ is going to take care of it through his sacrifice of his blood upon the cross I am resting and thus I have entered into the true sabbath that which the Jews haven't yet discovered though they light their candles and say their prayers and stay in bed on Saturday how glorious it is to know the true rest of God the true sabbath of God even Jesus Christ now when the people saw that Moses had delayed coming down from the mountain they gathered to Aaron and they said get up and make us gods that shall go before us for as for Moses we don't know what's happened to him he brought us out of the land of Egypt but what's become of him we don't know he's been gone now for almost forty days and Aaron said unto

them break off the golden earrings which are in the ears of your wives your sons and your daughters and bring them unto me and all of the people broke off the golden earrings which were in their ears and brought them to Aaron and he received them at their hands and fashioned with a graving tool after he had made it a molten cap so he melted down the gold and then he fashioned it with a graving tool a little golden cap notice that carefully because you're going to find that Aaron's a classic liar he took this graving tool and carved out this little golden cap and remember he's the high priest which might be a warning unto you that not all who are in the ministry of the gospel are totally honest in all of their dealings you might get some computerized letters that are filled with hypocrisy

deceit and lies I could get going again so the people broke off their golden earrings he took a graving tool he carved out this little molten cap and he said these be thy gods oh Israel which brought you up out of the land of Egypt oh how quickly these people forget you know to me the constant constant burden of my heart is the fact that there are some people that just migrate towards every stupid doctrine every wind of doctrine every concept that comes along people just trailing on after it I wish that the true doctrines sound doctrines could spread as rapidly as false doctrines the man these false doctrines seem to have wings and they spread so rapidly the latest one being this prosperity cult that God wants all of his children to be prosperous and healthy if you're not prosperous and

healthy there's something wrong with your relationship with God God help us what a cruel corrupt doctrine oh how it is spread sad the people so quickly Paul wrote to the Galatians and he said oh foolish Galatians who hath bewitched you that you should so soon turn away from the truth having begun in the spirit are you now going to be made perfect in the flesh foolish Galatians you turn from the truth so quickly foolish Israelites you turn from the truth so quickly God is drawing you to himself to worship the holy living true God and now here you are as a little gold and idol before you and this is your God that brought you out of Egypt and the people demanding make us a God we might worship this is the result and when Aaron saw it he built an altar before it and Aaron made proclamation

and said tomorrow is a feast to the Lord and they rose up early on the morrow and offered burnt offerings and brought peace offerings and the people sat down to eat and to drink and they rose up to play and the

Lord said to Moses get down for your thy people which you brought out of the land of Egypt have corrupted themselves notice this the Lord isn't even claiming them at this point thy people which you brought out of the land of Egypt corrupted themselves and they have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them and they have made them a molten calf and are worshiping it and have sacrificed unto it and they have said these are the gods oh Israel which have brought you out of the land of Egypt the Lord said unto Moses I have seen the people behold they are stiff necked

now therefore let me alone that my wrath may wax hot against them that I may consume them and I will make thee a great nation I'll wipe them out and I'll make a great nation out of you Moses we'll start over again and Moses besought the Lord his God and said Lord why does your wrath wax hot against thy people not mine Lord and don't put them on me which thou has brought forth out of the land of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand nobody wants to claim them at this point why should the Egyptians speak and say for mischief he brought them out to slay them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth turn from thy fierce wrath and repent of this evil against thy people remember Abraham Isaac and Israel thy servants to whom thou swearest by thine own self and said unto

them I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven and all this land that I have spoken of I will give to your seed and they shall inherit forever and the Lord repented of the evil which he thought to do unto his people now face for the problem for in Numbers 23 19 we read that God is not a man that he should repent or not God is not a man that he should lie nor the son of man that he should repent hath he not spoken shall he not do it what does it mean the Lord repented the obvious reading of this scripture looks like God is angry ready to destroy the children of Israel and Moses uses some good logic and reasons with God the reasons to spare him look if you wipe them out the Egyptians are going to say look you just brought them out of land or you might destroy them here and they're

going to speak evil against you why should they speak evil against you God Lord now turn from your fierce anger don't do this and God is just angry ready to wipe them out and Moses is a cool head and he's holding God off now remember Moses wrote this but our problem our problem is that we have to describe God's actions in human terms and there in lies the problem the actions of an infinite God cannot adequately be described in human language but we have to describe in human terms the activities of God so we use the word God repented but in reality God does not and has no need to change or to repent which it means to change or to turn from but from the human standpoint how can I describe the fact that the judgment of God is do these people but the judgment of God doesn't come upon these

people well God changed no he didn't change again we see Moses standing there and interceding on holding God off but who put it in the heart of Moses to intercede who put it in the heart of Moses to pray who put a love for these people in the heart of Moses it was God's work in the life of Moses to begin with the inspiration of Moses prayer came from God himself all true prayer begins with God and thus God was the inspiration behind the prayer now God knows all things from the beginning he knew that the children of Israel were going to mess things up he knew they were going to be worshipping this calf in fact he knew it before they ever did and God is speaking to Moses about their sin need of judgment Moses is now inspired of God to plead for their salvation but it's difficult to describe

the activity it's impossible to describe the activities of God in human terms but we have nothing else to describe them and thus we have to have human terms to describe what are apparent activities of God yet the human terms fall short and cannot adequately describe God's actions here let it be said if God had determined to destroy them he would have destroyed them and nothing Moses could have said could

have changed it the fact that they weren't destroyed only indicates that God had no intention to destroy them in the beginning but Moses is having to describe the anger of God against these people and the deserving justice that was coming to them in the human terms and yet the justice of God doesn't fall upon them and thus I have to describe that also in human terms and give some sort of

an explanation why these people were able to survive this great sacrilege against God and I only have human terms to do it but I'm dealing in those mysterious divine inner counsels of God of which I have no clear understanding at all God said my ways are not your ways my ways are beyond your finding out but yet I only have human terms to describe the activities of God and thus I have to use terms that do not adequately describe what God has done but only describes the effect of the actions in human terms God is not a man that he should lie nor the son of man that he should repent but yet we read over and over in the Old Testament where God repented but that's only describing the activity of God with the human term which is a poor term to say the best but yet we have nothing else so

there's the limitations always of seeking to describe the things of God with human language it always falls short Paul the apostle when he was in heaven when he came back he said it would be against the law it would be a crime if I tried to describe to you in human terms the things that I heard he just can't do it he didn't even try there's no language that man understands or knows no words have yet been formed or created or devised that could adequately describe the glory the beauty the majesty of that heavenly realm it's just so far beyond anything we've ever experienced or known or seen or whatever that it's just ridiculous to try to use human language because anything you would say would be less than it really is so far less that it would be a crime to use human language to try to

describe it and yet we must describe the activities of God we only have human vocabulary to do it and thus we have to use terms that we understand as human beings to describe the supposed actions of God but in reality what God has purposed he will fulfill and had God purposed the extermination and wiping them out he would have done it God did use Moses intercession as the excuse not to do it because God delights in mercy so Moses turned and he went down from the mountain with the two tables of testimony in his hands the tables were written on both of their sides and the tables were the work of God the writing was the writing of God graven upon the tables oh wouldn't it be exciting to see those two tables that God actually inscribed with his finger the commandments upon wouldn't it be

priceless just look at those two tables of stone now when Joshua who was the servant of Moses who was with Moses heard the noise of the people as they shouted he said to Moses there must be a war in the camp and Moses said it's not the voice of those that shout for mastery neither the voice of those that are crying because they're overcome but I hear the noise of singing and it came to pass as soon as they came close to the camp that he saw the calf and the dancing and Moses anger waxed hot and he cast the tables out of his hands and broke them beneath the mount and he took the calf which they had made he burned it in the fire he ground it into powder and he put the powder in water and he made them drink the water there drink your God and Moses said unto Aaron what did this people unto

thee that thou hast brought so great a sin upon them and Aaron said let not the anger of my lord wax hot you know the people that they are set on mischief for they said unto me make us gods which shall go before us for as for this Moses the man that brought us out of the land of Egypt we don't know what's become of him and I said unto them whosoever has any gold let him break it off so they gave it to me and I cast it into the fire and they came out this calf hocus pocus dominocus Aaron shame on you and when Moses saw the people were naked for Aaron had made them naked to their shame among their enemies

then Moses stood in the gate of the camp and said who is on the Lord's side let him come unto me and all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together unto him and he said unto them thus

saith the Lord God of Israel put every man his sword by his side and go in and out from the gate to gate throughout the camp and slay every man his brother and every man his companion and every man his neighbor that is those who were leading in this blasphemous sacrilege and the children of Levi did according to the word of Moses and there fell of the people that day about three thousand men for Moses had said consecrate yourselves today to the Lord even every man upon his son and upon his brother that he may bestow a blessing this day and it came to pass on the morrow that Moses said to the people you have sinned a great sin and now I will go up unto the Lord per adventure I shall make a covering for your sin and Moses returned to the Lord and he said oh this people have sinned a great

sin and have made them gods of gold now we see Moses in the position of an intercessor offering intercessory prayer before God intercessory prayer is that form of prayer that reaches out beyond me and my own needs to bring a guilty world before God that God might work in it prayer has three forms basic forms variations within each the first is worship praise adoration acknowledging God for who he is is something that goes on constantly in my heart day by day my awareness of God my consciousness of God my worship of God for his goodness for his blessings for his mercies for his love for all that he is to me and all that he means to me for the beauties of the world the beauties of his presence and grace in my life that continual thanksgiving within my heart because God loves me but then

prayer has a second form of petition where I bring before God my needs my request I need strength I need guidance I need help I need wisdom I need so many things and I come before God that he might supply my needs then prayer moves into the realm of intercession where I bring before God your needs I bring before God the needs of the community I bring before God the needs of this nation the needs of the world intercessory prayer and no prayer is really complete except it enter into the area of intercession and we really need real intercessors if you want a book to really understand intercessory prayer Reese Howells book intercessors fantastic just a beautiful prayer book on intercessory prayer Reese Howells the intercessor I believe that one of the greatest needs today really is for people

to really have the ministry and exercise the ministry of intercessory prayer more things are brought through prayer than the world will ever know the real power behind the scenes how I thank God for the 130 men in the church who are engaged in the intercessory prayer all night long each night of the week God bless these men what a power they are for good in this whole community as they intercede in their ministry of intercessory prayer no wonder God is working so marvelously because of the intercession that is going on day and night continually Moses is in intercessory prayer the first thing is the confession of the sins of the people confession of sin is so important because without confession there can be no forgiveness unless you confess your sins to God there is no way God can forgive

your sins if you try to hide your sins there is no forgiveness if you try to cover your sins there is no forgiveness whoso seeks to cover his sins shall not prosper but whoso shall confess his sins the same shall be forgiven many times we are trying to cover our guilt we are trying to make ourselves look not quite so guilty we are trying to sort of gloss over the sin the guilt in our lives that it doesn't look as bad as it really is and as long as we are seeking to do a snow job on God we are never going to get anywhere it is only when you are honest and open with God and you openly confess your sin and your guilt before God that now you open the door for God to work now can God forgive because you have been open and you confessed your sins and if you confess your sins he is faithful and

just to forgive you your sin and to cleanse you from all unrighteousness but it is not until there has been that open confession of sin that God can work and do it be open with God be honest with God confessing Moses confessed the sin of the people and then Moses said yet now if thou wilt forgive their sin notice that line the dash with the semicolon that dash with the semicolon indicates a passing of time how much time we don't know but an interim of time passed as Moses was waiting for God to answer and he waited and he waited and there was no voice from heaven there was no voice of grace or mercy there was no voice declaring I will forgive I will cleanse I will pardon and Moses waited and it seemed like the silence was a refusal by God if thou wilt forgive their sin no answer maybe God

won't forgive maybe there is a refusal so Moses goes on to say if not blot me I pray thee out of thy book which thou hast written Jesus speaks to the church of Sardis declaring he that overcomes I will not blot his name out of the book of life Moses is asking for his name to be blotted out of the book that God has written the book of life if God will not forgive the sins of the people this certainly shows to us a depth of love that very few of us can really comprehend or understand where Moses for the sake of the people could wish himself blotted out if God won't forgive them then forget me where Moses is willing to take the place with the guilty people and to stand with the guilty people but again where did this love come from it wasn't natural with Moses when God spoke to Moses out of

the burning bush and told him to go and lead these people out of Egypt he had he really wanted nothing to do with it and nothing to do with them he was satisfied where he was they had already given him a bad time and he wanted nothing to do with it and so he began to offer to God all kinds of excuses why he could not go and lead them out of Egypt and God answered every one of his excuses I can't speak alright Aaron can be your mouthpiece they won't believe me alright take the rod and I'll work miracles with it and after God answered every one of his excuses Moses said God please send someone else I don't want to go Moses really didn't have any desire to go and get involved but God put it in his heart and the compassion and the love that Moses had for these people was something that God

had placed in his heart that is why it is sheer folly for us to try to generate compassion it's got to come from God that kind of compassion you can't generate you can't say oh I'm just going to love everybody you're going to find more hatred in your heart than you've ever known was there the moment you start out from the door with a determination in your mind I'm going to love everybody today just going to be a picture of love today going to love everybody man I'll tell you you'll not get three blocks from your house until somebody will swerve in front of you and cut you off and you'll be you come back here where'd you get your driver's license you know and where's the love you know this kind of compassion can only come from God the work of God so don't exalt Moses exalt God who gave him

this great compassion Paul said much the same thing I could wish myself a curse from Christ for my brethren my kinsmen according to the flesh hard for me I cannot I cannot say that I do not have that kind of compassion I pray God give me more compassion for the lost I have sort of an attitude hey man if you want to be stupid and go to hell that's your business because I know that I can't turn you or save you or do anything about it I mean if you're determined you know what can I do but I desire a greater compassion I think that that's one of the needs of the church today is a greater compassion for the lost we just couldn't sit by complacently and see the terrible condition of the lost around us without being more moved without being touched without being burdened without being driven to

a greater witness unto them oh God give me a heart like thine a compassion for those that are lost the compassion of John Knox oh God give me Scotland or I'll die oh God give me the United States or I'll die a

real burden for soul we don't have it we don't possess it may God give it to us a great burden for lost souls that we too might become intercessors because that is the secret behind all intercession is that great love and burden for the lost that's always the underlying factor of a great intercessor it begins with a compassion begins with a love it's expressed in intercession now Moses request was a foolish request blot my name out of your book of amendments Moses that's foolish that's off the wall the Lord said unto Moses Moses that's off the wall whosoever has sinned against me

him will I blot out of my book don't ask me to blot your name out that's ridiculous I'll blot out the names of those who have sinned against me there was a time when the Lord spoke to me somewhat the same way as he spoke to Moses when my mother was dying I went into her bedroom and I sat there for a while looking at her as she was suffering trying to understand in my heart crying out to God I looked at those neat hands those beautiful hands and I thought of all the pies and the cookies and the rolls and all that those hands had baked for my pleasure I thought of all the times that those hands had wiped my forehead when it was hot and sweaty with a fever I thought of all of the ministry of those hands for me and my benefit the clothes that were washed with those hands and hung out and

brought in and folded all of the beds that those hands had made for me and I just sat there weeping such a beautiful person one of the dearest persons I've ever known and to see her suffering was more than I could take to know that night and day she could not sleep because of the pain and I went over to the foot of the bed and I fell on my face before God and I said Lord I'm no hero and I'm not demanding that you heal her she's yours her life is yours she belongs to you but God I can't stand to see her suffer anymore and though I'm not a hero Lord would you please take her pain and put it on me for today and I'll be glad to bear the pain all day for her so that she can have relief today I'm not asking for it forever but Lord for today let me bear it for her so she can have one day's

relief and Jesus came to me and he stood right by my side he said Chuck that's off the wall he said I already bore her pain for her there's no need for you to do it and I said Lord forgive me for such a off the wall statement I know you bore her pain I thank you for bearing her pain for her and in that very moment my mother sort of sighed and she said oh the pain is gone and she never experienced a moment's pain after that for all of a sudden I saw the greatness of God and the power of Jesus Christ rather than the ugliness of the cancer and I realized what are a few malignant cells against the mighty creative force and power of God and Jesus but we are human and we are prone to sometimes make statements to God that are off the wall as Moses Lord blot my name God said oh come on Moses

whoever sins against me those are the names I'm going to blot out yet the expression behind it surely the compassion that was there the willingness of Moses has to be admired we can admire the work that God is able to do in changing a man from a cold calloused position the children of Israel let them suffer in Egypt I could care less let me alone I'm happy and content here in the wilderness from that not wanting to get involved to such a compassion that he'll say Lord forgive their sins and if not then blot I pray thee my name out of your book I'll tell you that kind of compassion it only can come from God and a work of God but I admire the work that God is able to do in each of our lives in transforming us and changing us and taking us from a non-committal kind of a don't care let's not

get involved to just a complete involvement in the needs of the world around us as we intercede and pray for God's help for this sick people and this sick nation therefore now go and lead the people into the place which I have spoken unto thee behold my angel shall go before thee nevertheless in the day when I visit I will visit their sin upon them and the Lord plagued the people because they had made the calf which erred

me now the Lord said alright now go and lead them and I'm going to send my angel before you now Moses is going to respond to this and this will be our message next Sunday morning Moses responds to God saying I'm going to send my angel before you as he realizes and recognizes the necessity of the presence of God so next Sunday you've already got a clue on the Sunday

morning sermon as you find Moses response to God saying I'm going to send my angel go ahead get out there and lead them now and I'll send my angel Moses response to that so next week the Lord will finish the book of Exodus the latter part gets a little redundant because then they go ahead and make the thing just like he said so we're going to be skipping a lot of that because it'll just be redundant we've already looked at the blueprints and so now they are just going to follow the blueprints that God has given and we don't need to follow them through the making of it as we get into the blueprints so next week finish the book of Exodus and may the Lord bless you and give you wisdom and understanding as you realize that Christ is now our tabernacle he is the place where we meet God you

cannot meet God apart from Jesus Christ the place of meeting and now this is the place where God will meet you even Jesus Christ silver the metal that was used in the sockets is the metal of redemption in the scriptures gold is the metal of heaven deity and brass is the metal of judgment so as you get into these metals you'll see the place of the silver and redemption the place of gold the place of God's presence and the place of brass the place of God's judgment against sin and it all has beautiful symbolism the colors also have their symbolisms which we'll get into more next week shall we stand now may the Lord be with you and guide and bless your life and keep you in the love of Jesus Christ and may he increase your burden for the lost may the anointing of God rest upon your life that

you might hear his voice that you might do his work that you might walk in his path in Jesus name

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