

Lesson 12: God Disciplines His People

Moses was on Mt. Sinai for 40 days and nights. God gave him many laws, and He wrote the 10 Commandments with His own finger. Only Moses went all the way up Mt. Sinai.

Down at the camp, the people thought Moses was not coming back. They got tired of waiting, and they asked Aaron to build them an idol god to worship. Surely, Aaron would say no to this, but he gave in to the people.

Aaron had the people to bring him their golden jewelry, and he formed a golden calf with it. The people bowed down and worshiped the calf like it was a god.

Of course, God could see what they were doing, and He became very angry. He told Moses to get down off the mountain and punish the people. When Moses saw the people dancing around the calf, he also got very angry. He threw down the tablets of stone. They broke all to pieces.

Moses broke up the calf and ground it until it was like dust. He scattered the dust on the water and made the people drink of it.

Moses asked the people who would be on God's side. Many repented and God forgave them of their sin. Moses asked God not to destroy all the people, and God forgave those who were sorry. However, they did have to be punished.

Moses had to go back up the mountain and get the law again. This time the people did not sin.

Aren't we glad God forgives us when we repent of doing wrong? Sometimes, we do have to be punished for bad choices, but we know God does forgive. We should always remember to obey God and never to worship idols or other things besides God.

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TRUE OR FALSE QUESTIONS

- T F 1. Joshua went all the way up Mt. Sinai.
- T F 2. Moses was on Mt. Sinai for 10 days.
- T. F 3. God wrote on the stone tablets with his finger.
- T F 4. The people wanted a god to worship.
- T F 5. Aaron refused to make an idol.
- T F 6. Aaron made a golden calf.
- T F 7. God could see the people worship the calf.
- T F 8. Moses threw the tablets down.
- T F 9. Moses destroyed the golden calf.
- T F 10. Nobody came back to God's side.
- T F 11. They had to drink the powdered god in the water.
- T F 12. God forgave those who repented.