

Questions Week 19

Exodus 19:16-25; Exodus 20; Exodus 32; Exodus 33:1-6

Exodus Era

About three months after leaving Egypt the people of Israel came into the wilderness of Sinai. Moses calls for three days of consecration. On the third day, the Lord promises to come down in the sight of all the people. God requires the people to prepare for this advent. The people vow to obey the Lord. And then the Ten Commandments are given.

In today's scripture we will see the holiness of God, the commandments and laws He set before his people. God's desire is to protect by setting boundaries. But man shows the inability to stay within those boundaries. God knew from the very beginning the need for a sacrificial system. He knew man was incapable of meeting the law and the need for a sacrifice for sin.

Memory Verse: John 13:34 – "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another."

Prayer Focus: May I love others as You have loved me. May I show mercy where mercy is needed, forgive those who have hurt or offended me.

Read Exodus 20; Exodus 32.

1. How did God reveal His concern for purity among His people?

2. How does God's law honor men? Women?

3. Why did the people ask Aaron to make them a golden calf and why did Aaron comply with their request?

4. What commandment(s) did they break?

5. What could Aaron have done differently?

6. What happens when leaders disobey God?

7. What announcement about the idol does Aaron make to the people and how do they respond? (They give to an idol what actually belongs to the Lord – this is the essence of idol worship.)

8. What does this tell you about human nature?

9. How does Moses know what is happening down the mountain?

10. What does this tell you about God?

11. Why did God not destroy the people?

12. What did God do to those guilty of offering sacrifices to the idol? What does this tell you about God?

13. What did Moses' intercession on Israel's behalf reveal about Moses?

Read Exodus 33:1-6

14. What were the immediate consequences of Israel's sin?

15. What are the long term consequences of their sin?

16. How does God view rebellion?

17. How does God describe the children of Israel?

18. Review Deuteronomy 32:17; 1 Corinthians 10:19-22. What do these verses teach about idol worship?
