

## Cherished Bible Stories

### Lesson 11



## A Story Of Rebellion (Exodus 32)

### Introduction

One would normally think a benefactor would have the thanks & faithfulness of those who are helped. As man's Benefactor, God deserves our unquestioned loyalty & gratitude. Sadly, the reality is a sad cycle of man's ungratefulness (**Rom. 1:21**). This story is one of Israel's darkest moments. God had been so good and gracious to redeem her. What she does is inexcusable. How hurt God (*and Moses*) must have been.

*Read the story and be prepared to answer the following questions.*

- 1) What had the Israelites seen? (**Ex. 7-14**) What had they heard? (**Ex. 19-20; Deut. 5**)
  
- 2) Yet, what did they now demand? (**v. 1a**) What was their reason? (**v. 1b**)
  
- 3) How did Aaron respond? (**vv. 2-5**) How did his actions relate back to **Ex. 20:3-4**?
  
- 4) Using **v. 6** and **Acts 7:40-41**, state in simple terms the actions of the people.
  
- 5) Given that a) Aaron participated; and b) Moses rebuked his brother (**vv. 21-25**), what important truth is emphasized? (**cp. Acts 20:29-30**) *Application:* think about the need for "strong spiritual leadership" in view of **Heb. 13:20**, **1 Pet. 5:1-2**, and **Mt. 9:36**.

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6) How did God react to Israel's actions? (vv. 7-10) What words in v. 7 indicate what sin does to man's relationship with God? (cp. Hos. 1:9)

7) Given God's "offer" in v. 10, how do Moses' actions in vv. 11-14 speak well of him? What N.T. passages can you think of that encourage this commendable attitude shown by Moses?

8) Describe Moses' actions in vv. 19-20. Were they appropriate or inappropriate? What message do you think he was trying to convey to his brethren?

9) What 2 consequences are given that resulted from Israel's rebellion?

v. 25b \_\_\_\_\_

vv. 26-28, 35 \_\_\_\_\_

10) What 3 things are necessary to overcome rebellion against God?

v. 29 \_\_\_\_\_

v. 30b (cp. Heb. 7:25; 1 Jn. 2:1b-2) \_\_\_\_\_

vv. 31-32 \_\_\_\_\_