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Reading: Exodus 32:1-29

“Not redeemed with corruptible things as silver and gold but precious blood of Christ” (1 Pet. 1:19)

“Behold the lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world” (John 1:29)

We can learn from the Old Testament as well as the new. “For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope” (Rom. 15:4)

Rom 3:19

Idolatry is nakedness before God.

God sees everything, “All things *are* naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do” (Heb 4:13).

Things repeat themselves, Adam's sin in garden can be seen in Aaron.

“And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require *it* of him” (Deut. 18:19)- God will bring him to account.

The People's Sin – What they saw.

The people saw no authority, Moses was in the mount and Aaron was left in charge. The people saw a weak headship in Aaron and grouped together against him. The people saw the opportunity to have their own way and create their own gods.

Satan's strategy has not changed. It has worked from the beginning and he has no reason to change it.

God has provided a plan of salvation from the beginning that has not changed. He sent His Son to the cross that He might provide a Saviour.

“But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid *his* face from you, that he will not hear” (Isa 59:2).

In the garden Adam and Eve had open communion with God until Satan came into the garden and brought temptation before the woman. What about us? Covetousness is idolatry – Col 3:5.

“Let conversation be without covetousness”(Heb 13:5).

In love God came down as a man. On the tree God the Father laid on Him the sins of the people.

The People's Sin – What Aaron saw.

Aaron was shortsighted, he saw Moses gone but didn't see God in ultimate control.

Aaron was fearful, “Fear of man causeth snare” (Prov 29:25), “And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell” (Matt. 10:28)

Aaron saw the failure in him and the people. He tried to cover shame with religious works. He built

an altar and proclaimed their would would be a feast. He got the people involved in a mock worship.

Failure will lead to compromise and both are failing to see God's authority.

Christ would have all men come to Him and be cleansed by the blood and be saved. He went to the cross as a victor and prevailed over Satan gaining the victory.

Are you in Christ?

“We are more than conquerors through Him that loved us” (Rom 8:37).

You are called to a victor tonight. Religious works won't save you, “By grace are ye saved...”(Eph. 2:8)

God's response – What God saw.

God saw a complete corruption – They had done it themselves, no one else was to blame. In the garden Adam had made a conscious decision to turn from God.

We corrupt ourselves and need a Saviour altogether different. One pure, holy and altogether lovely, the Lord Jesus.

God declared the sin of man for what it was. “All have sinned and come short of the glory of God”(Rom 3:23).

Sin leads to death. We need a Saviour to deliver from death. God has provided a mediator “For *there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time*” (1 Tim 2:5,6).

If you confess your sin to God and ask forgiveness He will save you (1 John 1:9).

“loved church and gave Himself for it” (Eph 5:25).