

EXODUS 32:9-14 MOSES PLEADS WITH THE LORD

9/2/17 Sat Morn Prayer – Phil Twente, ptwente@gmail.com

Pass Me Not O Gentle Savior – Frances J. Crosby – sung by Joslin Grove Choral Society

1. *Pass me not, O gentle Savior, Hear my humble cry;
While on others Thou art calling, Do not pass me by.*

Refrain: Savior, Savior, Hear my humble cry, While on others Thou art calling, Do not pass me by.

2. *Thou the spring of all my comfort, More than life to me,
Whom have I on earth beside Thee, Whom in Heav'n but Thee. (Refrain – 2X)*

EXODUS 32:9-14 - **“And the LORD said to Moses, “I have seen this people, and indeed it is a stiff-necked people! [10] Now therefore, let Me alone, that My wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them. And I will make of you a great nation.” [11] Then Moses pleaded with the LORD his God, and said: “LORD, why does Your wrath burn hot against Your people whom You have brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? [12] Why should the Egyptians speak, and say, ‘He brought them out to harm them, to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from Your fierce wrath, and relent from this harm to Your people. [13] Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, Your servants, to whom You swore by Your own self, and said to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven; and all this land that I have spoken of I give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’” [14] So the LORD relented from the harm which He said He would do to His people.**

The Setting:

- In **Ex. 20-23**, God gives the law to Moses verbally and its practical application
- The people say they will do **“all the words that the Lord has said, we will do!” (Ex. 24:3)**
- In **Chapter 24**, Israel confirms the covenant. God calls Moses alone up to the mountain and was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.
- He was given instructions/blueprints for the tabernacle; for the priesthood and their consecration; the daily offerings; all the furnishing of the tabernacle; the Sabbath Law
- When God had finished speaking to Moses, He gave Moses two tables of the Testimony, tablets of stone written with the finger of God.
- **Exo 32:1-5** Now when the people saw that Moses delayed coming down from the mountain, the people gathered together to Aaron, and said to him, “Come, make us gods that shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.” [2] And Aaron said to them, “Break off the golden earrings which are in the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.” [3] So all the people broke off the golden earrings which were in their ears, and brought them to Aaron. [4] And he received the gold from their hand, and he fashioned it with an engraving tool, and made a molded calf. Then they said, “This is your god, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt!” [5] So when Aaron saw it, he built an altar before it. And Aaron made a proclamation and said, “Tomorrow is a feast to the LORD.”
- The Lord then said to Moses **“Go, get down...” (Ex. 7-9)**
- Now therefore, let Me alone that My wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them” (**Ex. 10a**) – God is really saying, unless you intercede for them, I will consume them, which they deserve! Notice the type of Christ here!
- And I will make of you a great nation.” (**Ex. 10b**) Here, God offers Moses and his family a great opportunity to be the great nation that He will establish. Had Moses been of a narrow, selfish spirit, he would have closed with this offer; but he prefers the salvation of Israel before the advancement of his own family. Here was a man fit to be a governor.

1. THEN MOSES PLEADED...Exo 32:11-13 Then Moses pleaded with the LORD his God, and said: **“LORD, why does Your wrath burn hot against Your people whom You have brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? [12] Why should the Egyptians speak, and say, ‘He brought them out to harm them, to kill them**

in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from Your fierce wrath, and relent from this harm to Your people. [13] Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, Your servants, to whom You swore by Your own self, and said to them, 'I will multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven; and all this land that I have spoken of I give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.' "

NOTICE:

His prayer (Exo 32:11): *LORD, why does Your wrath burn hot against Your people whom You have brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand?;*

- It's not though Moses thought God was not justly angry, but **he begs that He would not be so greatly angry as to consume them.** "Let mercy rejoice against judgment; *repent of this evil*; change the sentence of destruction into that of correction."
- **His pleas.** He fills his mouth with arguments, not to move God, but to express his own faith and to excite his own fervency in prayer. He urges,
- **God's interest in them, the great things He had already done for them, and the vast expense of favors and miracles He had been at upon them,**
- **He pleads the concern of God's glory (Exo 32:12):** *Why should the Egyptians speak, and say, 'He brought them out to harm them, to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'?* Israel is dear to Moses as his kindred, as his charge; **but it is the glory of God that he is most concerned for;** this lies nearer his heart than anything else. If Israel could perish without any reproach to God's name, Moses could persuade himself to sit down contented; **but he cannot bear to hear God reflected on, and therefore this he insists upon, *Why should the Egyptians speak, and say?***
- **The glorifying of God's name,** as it ought to be **our first petition** (it is so in the Lord's prayer), so **it ought to be our great plea,**
- **He pleads God's promise to the patriarchs** that He would multiply their seed, and give them the land of Canaan for an inheritance, and this promise confirmed by an oath, an oath by Himself, since He could swear by no greater,

2. SO THE LORD RELENTED! **God's response to Moses' prayer: (Exo 32:14)** God graciously abated the harshness of the sentence, and "***So the LORD relented from the harm which He said He would do to His people***". Though He designed to punish them, yet He would not ruin them.

- **The power of prayer; God suffers Himself to be prevailed with by the humble believing importunity** (begging in all humility and shamelessness) **of intercessors.**
- **The compassion of God towards poor sinners, and how ready He is to forgive.** Thus He has given other proofs besides His own oath that **He has no pleasure in the death of those that die;** for **He not only pardons** upon the repentance of sinners, but **s pares and reprieves upon the intercession of others** for them.

SUMMARY:

- **How quickly, so impatient, we can turn away from the LORD and turn to sin! Our impatience?**
- **But oh, the awesome mercy and compassion of God! How He loves us!**
- **We sinners, as Israel, deserve only His wrath and destruction!**
- **The compassion of God towards poor sinners, and how ready he is to forgive.**
- **God puts great upon prayer, intimating that nothing but the intercession of Moses could save Israel**
- **He is open and really almost begging us to intercede.**
- **Moses stands in the gap and prays! He insists on glorifying God's name! He stands on God's promises to the patriarchs!**
- **God's promises are to be our pleas in prayer.**
- **Notice the power of intercessory prayer! God suffers himself to be prevailed with by the humble believing importunity of intercessors.**
- **God relents! What a type of Christ!**

Pray Today For: Our Church, Nationally/locally; Our Nation: Our leaders; Police officers/military. Supreme Ct. Justices: John Roberts, Jr., Anthony Kennedy, Clarence Thomas, Ruth Ginsburg, Stephen Breyer, Samuel Alito, Sonia Sotomayor, Elena Kagan and Neil Gorsuch; President & V.P.: Donald & Melania Trump; Mike & Karen Pence. General James Kelly. The Cabinet and all advisors. Appointee - Christopher Wray, F.B.I.

Please Note: You may see/download any of the past notes/audio of the Bible Prayer Devotionals by going to: www.ptwente.com