

## **EXODUS 32:9-14 2025 MOSES PLEADS WITH THE LORD - The Gold Calf!**

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**PASS ME NOT O GENTLE SAVIOR** – Frances J. Crosby – sung by Gaither, Romance Watson (3:59)

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.*

**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:** Notice the impatience of the people! How patient are you?

- **In (Exo 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!*” (Exo 24:3)
- **Israel confirms the covenant** in (Exo 24:6-8) *And Moses took half the blood and put it in basins, and half the blood he sprinkled on the altar. [7] Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read in the hearing of the people. And they said, "All that the LORD has said we will do, and be obedient."* [8] *And Moses took the blood, sprinkled it on the people, and said, "This is the blood of the covenant which the LORD has made with you according to all these words."*
- **God calls Moses, Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu and seventy elders of Israel (Exo 24:9-11)** *Then Moses went up, also Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, [10] and they saw the God of Israel. And there was under His feet as it were a paved work of sapphire stone, and it was like the very heavens in its clarity. [11] But on the nobles of the children of Israel He did not lay His hand. So they saw God, and they ate and drank.*
- **God calls Moses alone up to the mountain for forty days and forty nights. (Exo 24:12,18)** *Then the LORD said to Moses, "Come up to Me on the mountain and be there; and I will give you tablets of stone, and the law and commandments which I have written, that you may teach them."* [18] *So Moses went into the midst of the cloud and went up into the mountain. And Moses 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 stone tablets of the Testimony,** written with the finger of God.
- **The Gold Calf! (Exo 32:1-6)** *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."* [6] *Then they rose early on the next day, offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.*

- **God then said to Moses “Go, get down...” (Exo 32:7-8)** *And the LORD said to Moses, “Go, get down! For your people whom you brought out of the land of Egypt have corrupted themselves. [8] They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them. They have made themselves a molded calf, and worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘This is your god, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt!’”*
- **God said Let Me alone to consume...I will make you a great nation! (Exo 32:10)** *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.” Now therefore, let Me alone that My wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them....”*
- **God is really saying, unless you intercede for them, I will consume them**, which they deserve! Notice the type of Christ here!
- **God gives to 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 accepted this offer!
- **(Psa 106:19-23)** *They made a calf in Horeb, And worshiped the molded image. [20] Thus they changed their glory Into the image of an ox that eats grass. [21] They forgot God their Savior, Who had done great things in Egypt, [22] Wondrous works in the land of Ham, Awesome things by the Red Sea. [23] Therefore He said that He would destroy them, Had not Moses His chosen one stood before Him in the breach, To turn away His wrath, lest He destroy them.*

**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 (to be sorry, console oneself) 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 for which he is most concerned.
  - **The glorifying of God's name**, as it ought to be our first petition, so it ought to be our great plea!
- **He pleads God's promise to the patriarchs** that He would multiply their seed, giving them the land.

**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.”*

- **The power of prayer;** God suffers Himself to be prevailed with by the humble believing intercessors.
- **The compassion of God towards poor sinners, and how ready He is to forgive.**

#### **SUMMARY:**

- **How quickly, so impatient, we can turn away from the LORD and turn to sin!** Our impatience?
- **We sinners, as Israel, deserve only His wrath and destruction! But oh, the awesome mercy and compassion of God!** How He loves us! He is open and really almost begging us to intercede.
- **God puts great value upon prayer, intimating that nothing but the intercession of Moses could save Israel**
- **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 intercession.**
- **God relents! What a type of Christ!**

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