February 9/Day 40

Exodus 30

• Continuing the instructions from yesterday about the sacrifices and the altar.

Verses 1-10

- Of what is the incense altar to be made? Overlaid in?
- Where is it to be placed?
- How often is it to be lit?
- What were they NOT to offer on it? Remember this.
- How holy is this to the LORD?

Verses 11-16

- What was each supposed to give for himself to the LORD?
- He is supposed to give this as what to the LORD?
- At what age are the sons to begin to be numbered?
- In what way did God make this a fair contribution?
- For what was the money to be used?

Verses 17-21

- Of what was the layer to be made?
- Where was it to be placed?
- What goes in it?
- For what will it be used?
- Why do you think purification was so significant?

Verses 22-33

- What kinds of spices were to be used to perfume the anointing oil?
- What was it used to anoint?
- Whom was it used to anoint?
- Again, to whom was Aaron and his sons to minister?
- On whom was it NOT to be used?

Verses 34-38

Exodus 31

Verses 1-11

- Who filled the man with the Spirit of God?
- This should cause us to do some thinking. God has a Spirit. In fact, John 4:24 says God IS Spirit. Do you remember when we first saw the Spirit of God mentioned in Scripture? (Genesis 1:2).
- What did the Spirit of God do for this man, Bezalel?
- Have you ever thought about the gifts and talents that come naturally to you, how they are a gift from God?
- Who puts skill within all who are skillful?
- Does it seem like God believes the skills of a craftsman are important?
- How are these skills and jobs revered nowadays?

Verses 12-17

- Here we see another name for God, Jehovah Mekoddishkem, "The LORD who sanctifies you". To sanctify means to set apart. In some churches, we are constantly charged to be set apart, or to be different. Here we see being set apart is not something we strive to do within ourselves, it is God who sanctifies us. This should be a life0changing statement for some of you. Cease striving and know He is God (Psalm 46:10). He sanctifies us. If this flies in the face of all you have been taught, don't trust me, go back and read it for yourself.
- Because the people were set apart, what were they to observe? Remember, this was a day of rest. It was the last day of the week.
- A person who didn't observe the Sabbath was to be cut off from his people. You will see as
 we go along how important this is to God. The promised land is a picture of resting from
 our works. Heaven is a picture of resting from our works. Jesus died on the cross, finishing
 our need for work. Cain's sacrifice was rejected because it wasn't a blood sacrifice, it was by
 his works.

Verse 18

• Who wrote the tablets of testimony? How?

Exodus 32

Verses 1-6

- The people longed for a god that would go before them. To be lifted up like a flag or a standard and go before them, but God already told us His name is The LORD Our Banner. Also, He actually was going before them as a cloud by day and fire by night.
- What did they want Aaron to do for them? Note this was the same Aaron who had been with Moses in delivering Egypt, Moses's brother, and the Aaron God was going to make a priest to Himself.
- Where did the people get the gold? The answer if not in this passage. Think about it.
- Did Aaron stop at crafting the idol, or did he keep building? What?

- But to whom was he to make a feast? So, was he thinking he could make an image and serve it as the LORD?
- What does eating and drinking before this idol signify? What kind of meal?
- After their offerings, what did the people do? Think about the spiritual significance here.

Verses 7-10

- What did God say the people had done to themselves? Think about it, how had they done this?
- From what did God say they had quickly turned away? Do you remember when God spoke and the people said all that God had said they would obey? How long ago was this?
- What did God say about the people in verse 9? What does this word mean? Interesting they were sacrificing to a cow.
- What did God say he would do to the people? To Moses?

Verses 11-14

- An "entreaty" is an earnest and humble request.
- In what way was Moses concerned for God's reputation?
- Some people don't believe God ever changes his mind, but what do we see Him doing here?

Verses 15-17

- Whose writing is on the tablets?
- What did Joshua think was going on in camp?

Verse 18

• What was the sound?

Verses 19-20

- Although God had already told Moses what was going on in camp, how did he respond when he saw it for himself?
- What did he do with the idol?
- In what way did he cause them to partake of it?

Verses 21-24

- Who did Moses say bore responsibility for the sin of the people? Why?
- Look how Aaron described the crafting of the calf. Did he accept responsibility?

Verses 25-29

• Who allowed the people to become out of control? Why is Aaron to blame?

- "Derision" is ridicule or mockery.
- Who gathered to Moses at the gate of the camp?
- How many men were lost as an example due to their idolatry?
- What did Moses instruct them to do? What does dedicate mean?

Verses 30-35

- What did Moses say the people had done? What is the word?
- What did Moses plan to try to do for them? What does this mean?
- Moses acts as intercessor here, a type of Christ. Hebrews 7:25, "Therefore He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them."
- If a person is blotted out of His book, that means he was written in the book to start with.
- God tells Moses to go on to the place He will lead them. Who will He send before them?

See you tomorrow.