

THE STORY OF MOSES

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CHAPTER THIRTY-TWO

MOSES PLEADS WITH GOD FOR HIS PEOPLE

God looked upon this scene of degradation and thought He had better tell Moses before he returned to the camp.

“And the Lord said to Moses, Go, get you down; for your people, which you brought out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves; they have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them: they have made them a molten calf, and have worshiped it, and have sacrificed thereunto, and said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which have brought you up out of the land of Egypt.”

God's displeasure with His people was so great that He told Moses to let Him alone, for He desired to **“consume”** Israel and make of Moses a great nation. Moses was overcome with the news of the golden calf, but he loved his people so much that he paid no attention to God's offer to make of him a great nation. He seems not to have listened to that for one moment.

Instead he poured out his heart in a great prayer to God, **“Lord, why are you angry with your people which you have brought up from Egypt with great power? If you consume the people, the Egyptians will say you brought them out to slay them in the mountains and to consume them from the earth. Turn from your fierce anger against your people.”**

Then Moses spoke of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and called God's attention to the promises He had made to them, especially the one that said He would multiply their seed as the stars of heaven and that they would inherit the land He gave to them.

Because of God's love for His servant Moses, and the promises He had made to Israel, God turned from His anger.

Then Moses picked up the tables of stone upon which were written, with the finger of God, the Ten Commandments. With a very heavy heart he started down the mountain. Somewhere along the way Joshua, who had been waiting during this time, joined him, and the two went on together.

At the time God spoke to him on the mountain, I do not believe Moses realized the depths of sin into which Israel had fallen in the few weeks while he was away.

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