

Communion Meditation – In the Wilderness

Exodus 32.1-8

Man-Made Religion

October 26th, 2014

Only 3 Months has Passed

- This is the 8th message in the Wilderness series
- The last we addressed in **Exodus 17** concerned getting water from the rock
 - Since then they fought Amalek (**ch17**) and got Jethro's advice (**ch19**)
 - **Ex 19.1** ~ "In the third month after .. they came to .. Sinai"

God Appears on Mt Sinai (Ex 19 & 24)

- **Ex 19.3** ~ "And Moses went up to God"
- **Ex 19.16-17** ~ "And Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God"
- **Ex 19.24** ~ "Get down and then come up, Aaron with you"
- **Read Ex 24.9-11** ~ "Then Moses went up .. saw God, and they ate and drank"
- **Read Ex 24.13-14** ~ "So Moses arose .. go to them"
- **Ex 24.18** ~ "And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights"

Aaron Makes Golden Calf (Exodus 32)

- The people ask gods of Aaron (**v1**) .. and he obliges them (**v2-4**)
- Aaron gets caught up in his new man-made religion (**v5-6**)
 - **v6** ~ ".. the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play"
 - **Reread Ex 24.9-11** ~ 74 of them "saw the God of Israel" & "ate and drank"
 - Yet Aaron leads the people in establishing a new religion
 - **Ex 32.6** ~ "the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play"
 - Note this new sacrament found in religions of man . . .

Moses Intercedes (Exodus 32)

- Moses makes people drink golden calf (**v20**)
- Aaron attempts to justify his sin (**vss 21-24**)
- The sons of Levi killed about 3k men (**vss 25-29**)
- Moses intercedes for the people with his own soul (**vss 30-33**)

This episode in exodus history has been repeated over & over again since then
The "children of Israel" rushed into sin and people of the earth still do
God appointed an ultimate atonement for sin ~ if only people embrace Him