

/We will begin the sixteenth lecture on the book of Exodus./ Chapter 31 records the account where God gives two stone tablets to Moses.

/Read verses 1-2./ Then the LORD said to Moses, "See, I have chosen Bezalel son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah,

/Moses called Bezalel./ Bezalel was the grandson of Hur, of the tribe of Judah./ 17:10./ Hur was the man who raised Moses' hand./ Bezalel was a descendant of Hur, who faithfully served the servant of God.

/The good faith of his forefathers were passed down to him./ Abraham's faith was passed down to Isaac. /Isaac's faith was passed down to Jacob. /Jacob's faith was passed down to his twelve sons, especially to Joseph.

/Joseph had two sons, and his second son Ephraim succeeded the faith of Joseph./ Whose faith was passed down to you?/ The faith of Jesus was passed down to the twelve disciples.

/Judas Iscariot was forsaken and the apostle Paul replaced him./ The church fathers, who were disciples of the apostles succeeded the faith of the apostles./ This is called the period of the church fathers./ Next, there was Augustine.

/There was the reformer Martin Luther./ John Calvin came after./ Our faith is a traditional and conservative faith that is rooted in Calvinism./ This is also called reformed faith.

/The Catholics departed from the truth./ We are not from Catholicism, but we have returned to the truth./ The traditional and proper faith was passed down to us./ Now, our faith is centered on the Word of God.

/We believe in predestination and election of God./ We also believe in the birth of Jesus Christ through a virgin./ We believe in the cross and resurrection./ We believe in the ascension of Jesus and His second coming./ We have faith that believes in the Millennial Kingdom and Jesus' judgment.

/Also, we believe in eternal heaven./ We believe in the important doctrines of the Bible./ This is faith that is centered on the Bible./ In other words it is called fundamentalism./ We must know/ exactly what fundamentalism is./ Fundamentalist faith is faith that believes the Bible as it is.

/Verses 3-5./ and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with skill, ability and knowledge in all kinds of crafts-- to make artistic designs for work in gold, silver and bronze, to cut and set stones, to work in wood, and to engage in all kinds of craftsmanship.

/God poured out his grace on Bezalel, the grandson of Hur./ God gave him a good gift./ Today, Bezalel would have been a technician with impressive skills./ He made everything well through the grace of God and through the inspiration of Holy Spirit.

/Verses 6-11./ Moreover, I have appointed Oholiab son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan, to help him. Also I have given skill to all the craftsmen to make everything I have commanded you: the Tent of Meeting, the ark of the Testimony with the atonement cover on it, and all the other furnishings of the tent-- the table and its articles, the pure gold lampstand and all its accessories, the altar of incense, the altar of burnt offering and all its utensils, the basin with its stand-- and also the woven garments, both the sacred garments for Aaron the priest and the garments for his sons when they serve as priests, and the anointing oil and fragrant incense for the Holy Place. They are to make them just as I commanded you."

/Another man was selected by God to become a good technician./ He was a man named Oholiab./ God put wisdom in the heart of Oholiab./ Oholiab had a heart inspired by the Holy Spirit.

/Then God gave him skilled hands as well./ Bezalel could be considered the director/ and Oholiab the maker./ They made all the utensils of the tabernacle as God commanded Moses.

/Verses 12-13./ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'You must observe my Sabbaths. This will be a sign between me and you for the generations to come, so you may know that I am the LORD, who makes you holy.

/God commanded the people to observe the Sabbath./ It says, that would be a sign that distinguished them as the people of God./ Today, the Sabbath refers to Sunday, the Lord's Day.

/If we attend one hour of service on Sundays, can we really say that we have observed the Sabbath?/ Can one hour of worship replace a day?/ A day refers to 24 hours./ We must properly observe the Sabbath for 24 hours.

/On the Sabbath, first, we must not work./ Second, it is a day of complete rest./ This rest is not only for us but for our families, employees, guests, and animals. /We must all rest.

/We must worship God,/ pray,/ praise,/ have family services,/ and visit believers,/ and spend the day in holiness./ If it is possible, turn off your televisions. / Do not read worldly newspapers.

/We must not focus on other things./ Why did God give the Sabbath to the people of Israel?/ First, it is a day that commemorates God's rest on seventh day after he created the heavens and the earth.

/Second, it teaches us that God is the only one who gives us eternal rest./Third, it teaches us that God is the owner of Sabbath.

/Fourth, it teaches us that God gives us spiritual rest./ Fifth, it teaches that God is the owner of spiritual rest.

/Verse 14./ "'Observe the Sabbath, because it is holy to you. Anyone who desecrates it must be put to death; whoever does any work on that day must be cut off from his people.

/God blesses those who properly observe the Sabbath./ Believers who do not properly observe the Sabbath must not be appointed as leaders of the church./ How could a person who corrupts the day of God be a leader?

/Today, the Korean church does not properly keep the Sabbath./ People who corrupt the Sabbath are appointed leaders./ What is the Korean church like today?/ There are unending incidents and happenings./ The church is loud and noisy.

/Verses 15-17./ For six days, work is to be done, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of rest, holy to the LORD. Whoever does any work on the Sabbath day must be put to death. The Israelites are

to observe the Sabbath, celebrating it for the generations to come as a lasting covenant. It will be a sign between me and the Israelites forever, for in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day he abstained from work and rested."

/In verse 13, it says, "sign"./ In verse 17, it also says, "sign"./ When people observe the Sabbath, it becomes a sign that they have become the people of God.

/What does it say in verse 15?/ It says, whoever does any work on the Sabbath day must be put to death./ It also means that they are cut off from life.

/Today, can we kill believers for not observing the Sabbath?/ We cannot do that./ However,/ it is wrong to entrust important tasks of God's church to those people.

/Even if someone has a great personality,/ gives lots of offerings to God,/ and faithfully serves church leaders,/ he who does not observe Sabbath must not be entrusted with God's work.

/Can a person who does not observe the Sabbath become a good teacher?/ He cannot say "Although I do not observe the Sabbath, you must do so."/ Will the church be at peace if someone who does not keep the Sabbath becomes an elder?

/If that is the case, pastors will not be able to properly preach the Word of God./ They cannot rebuke them./ Then, that holy church will become corrupted./ Observing the Sabbath was the sign of the Israelites.

/Verse 18./ When the LORD finished speaking to Moses on Mount Sinai, he gave him the two tablets of the Testimony, the tablets of stone inscribed by the finger of God.

/God finished speaking to Moses./ God gave Moses two stone tablets of the Testimony./ It is possible that the first through fourth commandments were written on one stone.

/The fifth through tenth commandments were written on the other stone. /They were commandments about people.

/We will now continue with chapter 32./ In chapter 32, there is a golden calf./ The people of Israel were tired of waiting for Moses./ They were unsure whether Moses was alive or not./ Forty days passed, and there was no news.

/The Israelites became anxious. /They did not have faith. /Hence, they made a golden calf.

/Read verses 1-3./ When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said, "Come, make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him." Aaron answered them, "Take off the gold earrings that your wives, your sons and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me." So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron.

/The Israelites approached Aaron./ It seems that these people bothered Aaron for a long time./ The God whom the Israelites served was an invisible God./ Our God whom we serve cannot be seen with our eyes.

/Because Moses was nowhere to be seen, the Israelites longed to see God./ They wanted to serve a visible God./ They regarded their invisible God as unknown and incomprehensible.

/It is possible that they constantly harassed Aaron./ "Make us a visible God."/ "Make us a visible God."/ Aaron must have agonized over this. /Aaron thought and he came up with a good idea.

/He was reminded of a golden calf that the Egyptians served./ He told the Israelites to bring all their golden rings and earrings to him./ Then, he made something out of the gold.

/Verses 4-6./ He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool. Then they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt." When Aaron saw this, he built an altar in front of the calf and announced, "Tomorrow there will be a festival to the LORD." So the next day the people rose early and sacrificed burnt offerings and presented fellowship offerings. Afterward they sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.

/When Aaron was with Moses, he did things right./ He did not compromise the truth./ He

pursued the traditional and proper faith./ However, when the true servant of God was absent, problems arose.

/Aaron lost discernment./ He failed to realize what pleased God and what didn't./ Have you ever seen a verse that says that Aaron prayed?/ He was not a man of prayer.

/When Moses the true servant of God went up Mount Sinai to pray,/ Aaron made a golden calf./ After the Israelites made the golden calf, what did they do?

/In verse 6, it says they indulged in revelry./ This was the same as a witch who performed exorcism./ This also refers to sexual activities./ Isaac hugged his wife./ The word "hugged" is the same as "indulging in revelry."

/This refers to certain sexual activities./ If the church departs from the truth, it becomes corrupted./ A church that does not have a true servant of God will immediately become corrupt./ It is a blessing for us to meet good teachers of faith.

/It is also a blessing for believers to meet a faithful servant of God./ Remember that God does not always give us such grace./ There are certain opportunities to receive such grace./ It is like the 7 years of abundance in Egypt.

/When God pours out his grace, we must receive it as much as we can./ We must regard it as our life./ When some time passes, a famine will come./ A famine like the 7 years famine could come.

/How will we live if/ we do not receive grace/ and instruction?/ We live by the grace we received.

/Verses 7-10./ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go down, because your people, whom you brought up out of Egypt, have become corrupt. They have been quick to turn away from what I commanded them and have made themselves an idol cast in the shape of a calf. They have bowed down to it and sacrificed to it and have said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.' "I have seen these people," the LORD said to Moses, "and they are a stiff-necked people. Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation."

/God told Moses that Moses' people had become corrupt./ God did not say "my people."/ This means that the corrupted were not God's people./ Even though they were God's people yesterday, they were not today.

/It says, "your people."/ God said that they were stiff-necked people./ It meant that they did not hate sin and did not know how to repent./ God does not acknowledge /corrupted people.

/God does not acknowledge corrupted churches./ "I was faithful before."/ "Our forefathers sincerely served God."/ "Our teacher is faithful."/ These excuses will not work.

/God was furious./ He told Moses that he would destroy the Israelites./ God would completely destroy them./ What did Moses say to this?

/Verses 11-13./ But Moses sought the favor of the LORD his God. "O LORD," he said, "why should your anger burn against your people, whom you brought out of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out, to kill them in the mountains and to wipe them off the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce anger; relent and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to whom you swore by your own self: 'I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and I will give your descendants all this land I promised them, and it will be their inheritance forever.'"

/Moses prayed to God./ He prayed for three things./ Was it acceptable for God to destroy the people whom he redeemed?/ Didn't God redeem them with his mighty hand and great power?

/Second, Moses prayed that the foreign peoples would mock the Israelites if that happened./ Moses said that they would be objects of ridicule./ The foreign peoples would mock God saying that he redeemed them to destroy them.

/Third, Moses prayed that God would remember the promise./ He prayed that God would remember the promise he made with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

/Verse 14./ Then the LORD relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had

threatened.

/When Moses sincerely prayed, God listened to his prayers./ Romans 8:34./ Jesus prays for us at the right hand of God.

/It is a treasure for you to have someone who prays for you./ I hope you become a person of prayer who prays for others.

/Verses 15-18./ Moses turned and went down the mountain with the two tablets of the Testimony in his hands. They were inscribed on both sides, front and back. The tablets were the work of God; the writing was the writing of God, engraved on the tablets. When Joshua heard the noise of the people shouting, he said to Moses, "There is the sound of war in the camp." Moses replied: "It is not the sound of victory, it is not the sound of defeat; it is the sound of singing that I hear."

/Moses and Joshua were coming down from the mountain./ When they came near the camp of Israel, they heard a strange noise./ Joshua thought it was the sound of war.

/Moses did not hear it as the sound of victory or the sound of defeat, but a strange sound./ It was the sound of singing.

/Verses 19-20./ When Moses approached the camp and saw the calf and the dancing, his anger burned and he threw the tablets out of his hands, breaking them to pieces at the foot of the mountain. And he took the calf they had made and burned it in the fire; then he ground it to powder, scattered it on the water and made the Israelites drink it.

/Moses approached the camp of Israel. /The Israelites were dancing in front of the golden calf. / Moses burned with anger, and he threw the two tablets of stone. /Moses did not act in his own emotions here.

/He acted as the representative of the wrath of God./ He represented God's judgment./ Then Moses ground the golden calf into powder. /He then scattered the powder on the water.

/Then he made the Israelites drink it./ This first teaches us that the Israelites sinned greatly before

God. /It showed that God is filled with anger when we worship idols.

/It teaches us that one day, all idols will be destroyed./ It also shows us that whoever serves idols will surely be destroyed with them./ This taught the Israelites not to make this kind of idol again.

/Verse 21./ He said to Aaron, "What did these people do to you, that you led them into such great sin?"

/Aaron was Moses' older brother./ He was three years older than Moses./ He was Moses' brother by blood./ Moses rebuked Aaron./ This tells us that Aaron allowed Israelites to fall into grave sin./ Matthew 18:6.

/It says, if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin,/ it would be better for him to have a large millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea./ We must be careful to not cause anyone to fall to sin.

/We must not cause a little child to sin./ How should parents lead their children?/ They must not exasperate their children./ It is important to properly teach./ However, it must not cause the children to sin./ Aaron caused the Israelites to sin.

/Verses 22-24./ "Do not be angry, my lord," Aaron answered. "You know how prone these people are to evil. They said to me, 'Make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him.' So I told them, 'Whoever has any gold jewelry, take it off.' Then they gave me the gold, and I threw it into the fire, and out came this calf!"

/Aaron made an excuse./ He said, "my lord."/ Although Moses was his younger brother, he was the servant of a fearful God./ "You know how prone these people are to evil."/ He said, "They gave me the gold, and I threw it into the fire, and out came this calf!"

/Is it really possible for a golden calf to walk out of the fire?/ It does not make any sense./ Aaron made the golden calf./ He was to take responsibility for it./ There are some people who are shaken when the true servant of God is absent.

/These people do not have true spiritual experiences./ They follow the truth because it seems good, / but since they do not have any experiences of deep grace, they are shaken when troubles arise.

/Verses 25-26./ Moses saw that the people were running wild and that Aaron had let them get out of control and so become a laughingstock to their enemies. So he stood at the entrance to the camp and said, "Whoever is for the LORD, come to me." And all the Levites rallied to him.

/Now, Moses rebuked the people./ He said that they were running wild./ They become a laughingstock to their enemies./ They did not fear God and were careless.

/Kim, Hyun Bong, a pastor in Korea gave such instructions./ A believer must excel in three things./ First, he must always be careful./ Second, he must do his best with his whole heart./ He must do his best with all his strength. /Third, he must use the good conscience.

/Pastor Kim was a true spiritual leader./ Moses called out the people who were for God./ He called out the Levites./ They all came before Moses./ Then, Moses gave this command to the Levites.

/Verses 27-29./ Then he said to them, "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'Each man strap a sword to his side. Go back and forth through the camp from one end to the other, each killing his brother and friend and neighbor.'" The Levites did as Moses commanded, and that day about three thousand of the people died. Then Moses said, "You have been set apart to the LORD today, for you were against your own sons and brothers, and he has blessed you this day."

/God told each of the Levites to strap a sword to his side./ The Israelites stood before them.
/There were their families, brothers, and friends.

/The Levites were commanded to go back and forth through the camp from one end to the other, and kill his brother and friend and neighbor./ They were ordered not to show mercy but kill these people./ On that day, three thousand people died.

/God told the Levites that they were set apart that day./ Obeying the word of God is to devote

oneself to God./ The Levites killed their families, brothers, and friends.

/The Israelites resented them./ A grave incident occurred./ Through this, we learn that God is pleased when we truly remove our sins./ The Levites were used by God./ They obeyed God.

/Verses 30-32./ The next day Moses said to the people, "You have committed a great sin. But now I will go up to the LORD; perhaps I can make atonement for your sin." So Moses went back to the LORD and said, "Oh, what a great sin these people have committed! They have made themselves gods of gold. But now, please forgive their sin-- but if not, then blot me out of the book you have written."

/Moses said, "But now I will go up to the LORD."/ He prayed to God with a sad heart./ He told God that these people made gods of gold for themselves.

/He said that these people sinned greatly./ Yet, now, Moses asked that God forgive their sin./ He said, "But now, please forgive their sin--but if not, then blot me out of the book you have written."

/The book God has written refers to the book of life./ Psalm 69:28/ Daniel 12:1/ Philippians 4:3/ Revelation 3:5/ Revelation 13:8/ Revelation 20:12./ Can a name in the book of life be erased?

/Can a name be erased and be rewritten, and be erased again and then rewritten?/ If a name is recorded in the book of life, it can never be erased./ Romans 9:3./ Paul prayed for the people of Israel even if he were cursed and cut off from Christ.

/This shows us that Moses and Paul loved their people as they loved themselves./ The servants of God, the leaders appointed by God, must love God's people like themselves.

/Even though a believer is stubborn,/ foolish,/ and provocative,/ pastors must be patient and lead them well./ They must know that the faith of Israelites were like that.

/Verses 33-35./ The LORD replied to Moses, "Whoever has sinned against me I will blot out of my book. Now go, lead the people to the place I spoke of, and my angel will go before you.

However, when the time comes for me to punish, I will punish them for their sin." And the LORD struck the people with a plague because of what they did with the calf Aaron had made.

/God spoke to Moses./ "Whoever has sinned against me I will blot out of my book."/ God's book is the book of life./ God has many books./ Revelation 20:12./ There are numerous books.

/There is the book of life,/ and there is a "book of action" that records actions./ God has the book of life/ and the "book of action" that records the deeds of humans.

/What is recorded in the book of life?/ The names of believers /and their acts of faith /are all recorded in the book of life.

/Then what is recorded in the book of action?/ Only those who are not selected by God are recorded in this book./ They are cursed by God./ This book records their evil deeds.

/They will receive judgment from God according to what is written in that book, and they will be sent to hell./ God's people will receive glory in heaven according to the book of life, and/ the unchosen will be sent to hell according to records of their evil deeds.

/Then, can we change the contents?/ Can we edit it?/ It is impossible./ It is impossible.

/God said, "Now go, lead the people to the place I spoke of."/ "However, when the time comes for me to punish, I will punish them for their sin."

/God punished the Israelites./ God punished them because they made a golden calf.

/Thank you.