

“One of Israel's Many Follies”

Exo. 32:1-4

Introduction

- I. Israel's mistakes are well known from a study of the Scriptures (1 Cor. 10:1-11).
- II. One of those mistakes took place when the people turned to an idol instead of God (Exo. 32:1-8).
- III. Let us learn some things from their folly that will help us faithfully to follow God.
 - A. God expects us to be patient.
 - B. God wants good leadership among his people.
 - C. Intercession is needed for God's people.

Discussion

- I. God expects us to be patient.
 - A. Israel had grown impatient while waiting for Moses to return from the mount (Exo. 32:1-6; Exo. 20:18-21).
 - B. All too often, people “give up” far too soon.
 - C. When need not to grow impatient in regards to God and His will.
 1. People are impatient concerning Christ's return (2 Pet. 3:1ff.)
 2. Other first century people were impatient (Gal. 1:6-10).
- II. God wants good leadership among his people.
 - A. Aaron made a monumental mistake by letting the people override his faith (Exo. 32:2-6, 21-25).
 - B. God's people today need leaders that will faithfully oversee the Lord's flock (Acts 20:28-31; 1 Pet. 5:1-4).
 - C. There needs to be faithful preachers in pulpits (2 Tim. 4:1-5).
- III. Intercession is needed for God's people.
 - A. Moses made intercession for Israel (Deut. 9:13-20).
 - B. Intercession saved the Israelites from destruction.
 - C. Thankfully, there is one who intercedes on our behalves today (1 John 1:8-2:2; Heb. 4:15; 1 Tim. 2:5).

Conclusion

- I. Hopefully spiritual Israel/the church of Christ will not repeat the follies of physical Israel of old.
- II. We need to be patient, we need good leadership, and we should be thankful for the intercession of Jesus.