

DAY 22

THURSDAY,
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"Go up to a land flowing with milk and honey: for I will not go up in your midst, because you are an obstinate people whom you have brought up from the land of Egypt, to a land of flowing with milk and honey: for I will not go up in your midst, because you are an obstinate people and I might destroy you in the way. When the people heard this sad word, they went into mourning." Exodus 33:3-4

HOT HEARTS & HOLINESS

PRAY THAT WE WOULD BE PEOPLE WHO ENJOY AND LOVE GOD DEEPLY AND HAVE A PROFOUND SENSE OF SIN THAT SETS US APART TO WALK IN HOLINESS.

TODAY'S DEVOTIONAL:

The children of Israel were in a time of transition between the wilderness and the Promised Land that God had long promised to take them. However, in Exodus 32 while Moses was up in the mountain communing with God, the children of Israel would violate the very first two commandments. As a result, God would tell Moses, "The deal is off I cannot go with you into the Promised Land." God would essentially say to the people of Israel, "I will give you what you want: economic and military success, prosperity, real estate, etc. You can have it all, but

"It would seem that our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us" —C.S. Lewis

you won't have Me." In response, they mourn and repent and Moses would pray desperately "Lord, if you won't go with us, please do not send us forth". Moses in his prayer was acknowledging in that instant, that nothing else outside of God himself could ever satisfy the deepest longings of their hearts. It is precisely this heart's posture of desiring to love and enjoy God most deeply that the soil of holiness is grown.

TODAY'S PRAYER:

Lord, we acknowledge that we often turn to other things but You to give us a sense of significance and security. We repent of our sin and idolatry and ask that you would help us to be a people who enjoy and love You deeply more than anyone or anything else. We pray this in Jesus' name.



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