

# Sermon Reflections

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*Sinful or Sacred Cow? (Part 2) • Exodus 32:15-35*

**Summary:** Correct your view of sin, by seeing it how God does - so that, you will respond rightly to your sin.

**Four Right Responses to Sin** (cont. from last week's sermon)

### 3. Affirm sins consequences (32:15-29)

- By the breaking of the two tablets, what did Moses' action demonstrate that the Israelite's had done with their sin?
- Why is Aaron's blame-shifting and minimization of sin so troubling? Have you ever minimized your sin by blaming others for your sinful actions? Have you ever blamed someone else for your sin? Read Mark 7:20:23: What is the source of your sin?
- What does Moses' actions in vv. 26-27 and in Psalm 32:3-5 tell us about sin's physical consequences? Read 1 John 1:8,10. How are these verses a helpful reminder (and warning) of the deceitfulness and consequences of sin? Should you be more aware of the seriousness of personal sin?

### 4. Seek sins covering (Exo 32:30-35)

- The sin of presuming on God's Grace: Have you ever thought something like, "My sin is not that bad" ...or, "I'm human, everybody gets mad" or even, "Yes, my sin was bad but, (insert excuse why you think God is ok with the sin you're currently trying to minimize)"? Read 1 John 3:4-8: How might an attitude of minimizing personal sin be an indication of someone who is "practicing sin"? What do these verses say about those who *practice* sin? What is the believer to *practice*?
- In v. 31, Moses calls out the specific sin committed by the people: specifically, honestly and without any ambiguity – using Biblical terms. Why is this fact so important when confronting our own sin or the sin of our brothers or sisters in Christ? How can using Biblical terms to describe sin be helpful in our own battle with sin?
- The people needed atonement for their sin and Moses offers himself as a substitute... perhaps, thinking he would make a "better" sacrifice than the blood of animals. What was God's answer to Moses? Why?
- How does seeing *all* sin as evil help the believer live a more thankful life when considering the atoning work and advocacy of Christ for sinners? Consider and rejoice!