

- I. God gets Israel's attention
  - A. Breaking of the tablets
  - B. Massacre by the Levites, plague
  - C. A sign of submission and penitence: taking off their ornaments
  
- II. You will have my blessing, but not me
  - A. This is essentially a parting of ways
  - B. He will send an angel with them, but not himself
  - C. This is a "disastrous" message
  - D. Reason: the people are stiff-necked, and God's presence would be dangerous to them!
  
- III. Moses meets with God outside the camp
  - A. Note: not *the* Tent
  - B. A place of exclusion
  - C. A place of witness
  - D. Moses meets with God
  
- IV. Moses' plea before God
  - A. This is not the first time
  - B. Moses' prayer
  - C. Crux of the passage: verses 14-15
    - i. *I will go with you.*
    - ii. *I want you, and not just your blessings. Even if you take every blessing, we are yours.*
  
- V. Examine yourselves (cf. 2 Corinthians 13:5)
  - A. Many of us want God's blessings, fewer want God.
  - B. Do you love God only for his blessings?
  - C. If God removed from you the blessings you enjoy, will you love him?
  - D. Are you willing to say what Moses says? If you will not be with me in an experiential way, you can take every blessing from me.
  - E. Are we genuinely willing to lose every earthly blessing in order to gain God?
  - F. If you love God for his blessings, not himself, you are an idolater. (Revelation 3:15-16)
  - G. Put off your ornaments.
  
- VI. The heart of salvation
  - A. God giving himself to us, and us giving ourselves to God.
  - B. This is why Jesus came (1 Peter 3:18; Matthew 11:28)