



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

Exodus 32: 7-14

The LORD said to Moses,
"Go down at once to your people
whom you brought out of the land of Egypt,
for they have become depraved.
They have soon turned aside from the way I pointed out to them,
making for themselves a molten calf and worshiping it,
sacrificing to it and crying out,
'This is your God, O Israel,
who brought you out of the land of Egypt!'
The LORD said to Moses,
"I see how stiff-necked this people is.
Let me alone, then,
that my wrath may blaze up against them to consume them.
Then I will make of you a great nation."
But Moses implored the LORD, his God, saying,
"Why, O LORD, should your wrath blaze up against your own people,
whom you brought out of the land of Egypt
with such great power and with so strong a hand?
Why should the Egyptians say,
'With evil intent he brought them out,
that he might kill them in the mountains
and exterminate them from the face of the earth?'
Let your blazing wrath die down;

relent in punishing your people.
Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel,
and how you swore to them by your own self, saying,
'I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky;
and all this land that I promised,
I will give your descendants as their perpetual heritage.'"
So the LORD relented in the punishment
he had threatened to inflict on his people.

Our Scripture Reflection

I love the accusation, "Stiff-necked" which God uses to describe the posture of His sinful people. How accurate the image is when describing the sinner: stubborn, prideful, arrogant, brash. What a response to the One who has only been loving, faithful, merciful and true. Looking at ourselves from God's perspective, we are selfish and ungrateful. Perhaps that is the method we need to use so that we may be moved to sincere and humble repentance. Imagine yourself at the foot of the Cross with Jesus' tortured eyes gazing lovingly at you. How does that make you feel? Is it time to repent?

Food for your Journey

Let your desire be to see God; your fear, that you may lose God; your sorrow, that you are not having fruition of God; your joy, that God can bring you to eternity. Thus you will live in great peace.

--Teresa of Avila

A Prayer from the Heart

Merciful Savior, Forgive me my sins, O Lord,
the sins of my youth,
the sins of my age,
the sins of my soul,
the sins of my body;
my idle sins,

my serious voluntary sins,
the sins I know,
the sins I have concealed so long,
and which are now hidden from my memory.

I am truly sorry for every sin,
mortal and venial,
for all the sins of my childhood
up to the present hour.

I know my sins have wounded Thy tender Heart,
O my Savior,
let me be freed from the bonds of evil
through the most bitter Passion of my Redeemer.

O my Jesus,
forget and forgive what I have been. Amen