

Who Is On The Lord's Side?

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Exodus 32

Introduction: Tests reveal who you are and what you're made out of. A test can very easily move into temptation. God gives tests to build us up. Satan gives temptation to tear us down.

Background: Moses ascended Mt. Sinai a number of times and for differing lengths of time. The trip he returned from in Exodus 32 began in Exodus 24:15-18.

1. Tests Reveal **People's** Hearts

Inevitability of Tests, **32:1**

Waiting vs **Wandering**

A person is tempted when he is "lured and enticed by his own desire" (James 1:14).

Imagination vs **Revelation**

Authority and Tests, **32:2-6, 15-20**

Aaron – Give them what **they** want

Moses – Give them what **God** wants

Responsibility in the Tests, **32:21**

Aaron, **32:21-24**

The people, **32:20, 25-28, 35 (1 Cor 10:1-7)**

Church Family Scripture Memory: Exodus 29:45-46

Pastor: "I will dwell among the people of Israel and will be their God."

Congregation: "And they shall know that I am the Lord their God, who brought them out of the land of Egypt that I might dwell among them. I am the Lord their God."

2. Tests Reveal **God's** Heart, **32:7-14**

He **hates** sin, **32:7-10**

He **hears** intercession, **32:11-14**

He **forgives** sin, **32:30-34**

*What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more*

Conclusion: Who is on the Lord's side? (**Acts 7:37-42, 51**)