

# (Exodus) Exodus 32:11-14

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*Moses' prayer in Exodus 32:11-14 is a model for honest and bold prayer, reminding us to speak truthfully to God and remember His promises.*

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**Scripture:** Genesis 15:5, Exodus 32:7-32

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## Description

In this sermon, the speaker emphasizes the importance of praying honestly and openly to God. He uses the example of Moses praying to God on behalf of the Israelites. Moses reminds God of His covenant and promises, and pleads with Him to spare the people despite their sins. Moses boldly challenges God, stating that the Israelites are His people and that He brought them out of Egypt with His mighty hand. The speaker encourages listeners to have honest and frank conversations with God, believing that it will lead to more visible answers to prayer.

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## Transcript

Now, notice what Moses does. Here is an example of one of the greatest prayers in Scripture. Will you look at it now with me for just a moment? And Moses besought the Lord his God, and said, Lord, why doth thy wrath wax hot against thy people, which thou hast brought forth out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Now, God said to Moses, you remember, God says, Moses, get thee down for thy people that thou broughtest out of the land of Egypt.

Now, Moses really talks back to God. There's none of this pious cant and this pious piffle that I hear today in a great many fundamentalist prayers. I think that there's more hypocrisy today in some of our prayers.

No wonder prayer meetings are so dead. If we talked honestly and frankly to God, it would make one of the most exciting meetings in the church. God says to Moses, your people that you brought out of the land of Egypt, they've sinned.

Moses said, Lord, I think you made a mistake. I don't recall of ever bringing any people out of Egypt, and I want you to know they're not my people. Listen to what he says.

They're thy people. Thou hast brought them out of the land of Egypt, and you did it with a mighty hand. I couldn't bring them out.

You made a mistake, Lord. Can you imagine anybody talking to God like that? Moses did. He said, Lord, they're your people.

They're not my people, and you brought them out but I didn't bring them out. Now, that's the first thing he says. Listen to him, the second thing.

Wherefore should the Egyptians speak and say, for mischief did he bring them out to slay them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth. Turn from thy fierce wrath and repent of this evil against thy people. Now, what Moses says is this.

Lord, they're your people. You brought them out of the land of Egypt, but also suppose that you don't go through with taking them into the land. Why? The Egyptians will say, well, their God was able to take them out of Egypt, but he wasn't able to bring them into the land.

Therefore, you'll have to bring them into the land. They're your people, and you promised to bring them in. Now, notice the third reason he gives to God.

He says, Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, thy servants, to whom thou swarest by thine own self, and saidest unto them, I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have spoken of will I give unto your seed, and they will inherit it forever. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel. Lord, you made a promise to them that you'd do this, and that's the way, you remember, he called Moses.

He said, I remember my covenant. Now, Moses just calls his attention to it again. Now notice, And the Lord repented of the evil which he thought to do unto his people.

Now, I tell you, that moved the arm of God, friends, when Moses prayed like that. I think if we were a little more honest in our praying to God, that we'd see more answers, that is, more visible answers. I think we always get an answer.

I think the Lord tells most of us no, because we're not really praying honestly to Him.

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