

DIVINE CONTEXT by Angelo Pringle

EXCERPT

Forty days was just too much. The people could not take it anymore. They were all stuck out in the wilderness eating manna for bread and quails for meat (Exo. 16:11-15). Although they had seen the destruction that God brought on the Egyptians, the curse of Adam became dominant and caused them to rebel against the word of God. They had also heard the voice of God speaking from the mountaintop that burned with fire and begged Moses to speak to God on their behalf because the voice of God was too much for them to bear. Even with all these experiences, they still rebelled against the commandments that God had spoken to them.

The family of the Israelites were slaves, recently rescued from under the powerful hand of the king of Egypt. All the people who were present knew only oppression. Moses was put in charge of a collective group of individuals that had been abused their entire lives. Hope was nothing for them to be fond of, and believing in someone or something would only last for a while. So, when Moses went up into the mountain, it took him too long to return. The people became restless and decided that they would take over. They were all ignorant of the consequences of their actions.

Moses was God's man. Moses was the one who God had come to and convinced that he was able to lead his people out from the land of Egypt. For Moses, God's presence was welcoming. Moses and God had built a relationship that afforded Moses to trust that God was a living God. Moses understood the consequences of rebelling against God. He also understood the benefits of believing in and obeying God.