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BIBLE ADVENTURES SCRIPT:

A1441 ~ Moses on Mount Sinai.

Welcome to Bible Adventures. Help for today. Hope for tomorrow. Jesus is Lord of all.

As a child, did you sometimes disobey your parents or elders? And did they punish you for disobeying them? Parents love their children deeply; but when children will not listen to them, parents are right to be angry at their disobedience.

Suppose they tell the children not to touch a cooking pot on a fire, in case they get burnt. But the children think it would be fun to stir the pot, and they tip the boiling contents over themselves. The parent is angry because their rule is for the good of their children. If the children had obeyed, they would not be suffering any pain. Yet the parent still loves them, forgives them, and helps them. And, of course, parents expect their children to <u>learn</u>, and not to repeat their mistakes.

All his life, Moses had a great love for his people, the Israelites. He knew they were God's special people. God loved them and had done many wonderful things to free them from their slavery in Egypt. They praised Him, and promised, "We will do everything the Lord has said." And they knew their God, the only <u>true</u> God, had forbidden them to make, or to worship idol gods.

They should have understood God wanted them to trust Him, even when they could not see https://www.hem.no.nd/. They should have remembered He is faithful; He keeps His word. Well, Moses had gone up the mountain, to meet with God, and to learn God's laws for them. But the people were tired of waiting for their leader to come back, and they decided to do things hem.no.nd/ Moses was coming back down the mountain, he saw they had ALREADY broken their promise to the Almighty God. They had ALREADY made an idol god for themselves; they were worshipping a lifeless image, instead of the true and living God.

Moses was very angry, but he still loved his people. He stood before God to ask forgiveness for them. But they had to learn how very great their sin was. Those who were obedient to God had to put to death many of their disobedient fellow-Israelites.

DRAMA - <u>The Bible In Living Sound</u>.

The people of Israel should have understood how much the Almighty God loved them. They had seen how He had worked for them through many wonderful miracles. But when God was looking for them to trust and obey Him, they threw away their trust; they forgot their promises, and they disobeyed Him. They had moved far away from Him, and had brought God's judgment on themselves.

Moses was very angry with them, and very sad. He wanted them to be truly sorry for their sin, and to turn back to God with all their hearts. He told them to trust God completely, and to obey all His laws. If they did this, showing they were truly sorry, God might forgive them.

But those who had welcomed the idol god, were against the Almighty Creator God in their hearts. Their <u>choice</u> had been a man-made idol god. God said all who had <u>again</u> broken His laws, would no longer be part of His chosen people.

God had already been very patient with them. He had sent many plagues on Egypt to make the Pharaoh set them free. He had helped them escape with valuable goods, so they would have enough to start their new life. He had given them a safe path across the Red Sea, when they were full of fear at the Egyptian army chasing them. And they had seen their enemy all drowned. God had given them food and water in the desert, when they grumbled that their supplies had ran out. God was trying to teach them to turn to Him, in faith, for their needs.

And He teaches us in the same way. Just like the Israelites, we have problems come into our lives. It is easy for us to complain; it is easy to give in to fear and doubt. We want God to act straight away. But sometimes He holds back His answers.

He did this when His servant Job went through terrible trials. Job lost all his children; robbers stole all his animal herds. Job, himself, suffered a horrible, itchy, stinking skin disease, and his friends said God was punishing him for some secret sin in his life. Poor Job!

He couldn't understand at all, but he held onto his trust, and God rewarded him for it. That's the sort of faith **we** need, the faith that God is working out what is best. We need to grow in faith, and to show that we trust our Saviour God.

Psalm 62, in the Bible, says this, "Trust in God at all times, my people. Tell Him all your troubles, for He is our refuge." And the book Romans, chapter 8, says this, "God did not keep back His Own Son, but offered Him up for us all! He gave us His **Son - will He not freely give us all things?"**

This is true; Jesus gave up His life on the Cross to give us the greatest gift of all - everlasting life. He overcame death; and He rose up again. Through Jesus, death lost its power. Now, God gives eternal life to everyone who is truly sorry for their wrong ways, and turns to Jesus.

The loving Creator-God wants <u>you</u> to come to Him through the Lord Jesus Christ; He wants <u>you</u> to obey Him and trust Him. Then, as Psalm 23, in the Bible says, "(His) goodness and love will be with (you) all the days of (your) life," and after this life, you will be in His glorious, everlasting home.

MUSIC - <u>Integrity Music</u>.

That was Rick Riso, and the song was "Together For Good."

The drama is from The Bible In Living Sound.

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