

## Noise - continued

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4:11; 2 John 9-11)? Are we preaching about it (1 Timothy 4:2), having Bible classes about it (2 Timothy 2:2), or talking about it in our home (1 Timothy 3:15)?

### Noise in the Camp Today

Unfortunately, there is still noise in the camp today in the Lord's church. In some places, there is the noise of human institutions instead of the local church (1 Timothy 3:15). There is the noise of instrumental music instead of singing only (Ephesians 5:19). There is the noise of denominationalism instead of NT Christianity (Ephesians 4:4-6). There is the noise of social and recreational activities instead of worship (John 6:27,45). There is the noise of worldliness instead of holiness (Revelation 2-3). There is the noise of division involving opinions and personalities instead of unity (1 Corinthians 13:5; Philippians 2:2-5; 4:2). There is the noise of pseudo-science instead of Bible truth (1 Timothy 6:20-21).

Brethren, this noise in the camp will hurt the cause of Christ (Exodus 32:25; Romans 2:24) and it will bring us under judgment (Ex. 32:27-28; Heb. 4:11). Let's do all we can to silence this noise and avoid it! - *Chris Reeves*

## Sentence Sermons

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- Like other dead persons, Jesus was put in a tomb; unlike other dead persons, he came out of his tomb.
- Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we have the same hope of a resurrection.
- Without the resurrection, Christianity does not exist.
- Just as the sun has risen, so the Son has risen.

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.  
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

# Noise in the Camp

*And when Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said unto Moses, "There is a noise of war in the camp." And he said, "It is not the voice of them that shout for mastery, neither is it the voice of them that cry for being overcome; but the noise of them that sing do I hear."*  
- Exodus 32:17-18 -

After Israel left Egypt by God's help, they made "noise" from time-to-time. It was often the "noise" of murmuring and complaining (Exodus 14:10ff; 15:24ff; 16:2ff; 17:2ff). However, when they came to Mt. Sinai where Moses received God's commandments, we find them making a different kind of noise.

After Israel made the golden calf and were worshipping it, they made the noise of singing (Exodus 32:17-18). They were engaged in idolatry and were now making the noise of immorality. This story is for our admonition today, so what can we learn from it (1 Corinthians 10:7)?

## Lack of Self-Discipline

Why did Israel engage in idolatry and immorality and then sing about? Consider three reasons. First, Israel

went astray because Moses was gone and they were not mature and disciplined (Exodus 32:1). They lacked self-discipline. God's people today need self-discipline to maintain their faithfulness (Philippians 1:27; 2:12). What are we doing to develop self-discipline today (Genesis 39:9; Daniel 1:8; Psalm 119:11; Matthew 26:41)?



## Lack of Leadership

Second, Israel also went astray because Aaron lacked good leadership (Exodus 32:25; Deuteronomy 9:20). He lacked the character to say "No" to Israel's request for a golden calf. He went along with it and aided in making it. Consider some differences between Moses and Aaron in this account:

Moses reacted strongly, consulted the Lord, became angry at sin, took decisive

action, demanded accountability, accepted no excuses, drew lines of fellowship, desired a removal of sin, and was sacrificial.

Aaron reacted weakly, did not consult the Lord, was not angry at sin, was passive and complicit, demanded no accountability, made excuses and blame, drew no lines of fellowship, did not desire to remove sin, and was selfish.

God's people today need good leadership (like Moses) in the church (godly elders) to maintain their faithfulness (Acts 20:28-31). What are we doing to develop good leadership today (1 Timothy 3; Titus 1)?

## Lack of Authority

Third, Israel went astray because they demanded that which was without the Lord's authority (Exodus 32:1-6). They engaged in idolatry which the Lord had already told them not to do. God's people today need New Testament authority to maintain their faithfulness (1 Corinthians 11:2; 2 Thessalonians 2:15; 2 Timothy 1:13). What are we doing to teach about and develop a proper sense of Bible authority today (Romans 4:3; Colossians 3:17; 1 Peter