

Exodus 34:9

Then he said, "If now I have found grace in Your sight, O Lord, let my Lord, I pray, go among us, even though we are a stiff-necked people; and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us as Your inheritance."

The children of Israel had sinned by making a golden calf to worship, instead of worshipping the Lord.

† **Exodus 32:4** *And he received the gold from their hand, and he fashioned it with an engraving tool, and made a molded calf. Then they said, "This is your god, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt!"*

Yet it was the Lord who had delivered them from the bondage that they were in, in Egypt.

† **1 Samuel 10:18** *and said to the children of Israel, "Thus says the LORD God of Israel: 'I brought up Israel out of Egypt, and delivered you from the hand of the Egyptians and from the hand of all kingdoms and from those who oppressed you.'*

And since they made a golden calf to worship, Moses got angry with them.

† **Exodus 32:30** *Now it came to pass on the next day that Moses said to the people, "You have committed a great sin. So now I will go up to the LORD; perhaps I can make atonement for your sin."*

But after Moses saw the LORD's glory, love, grace and mercy.

† **Exodus 34:6-8** *And the LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children to the third and the fourth generation." So Moses made haste and bowed his head toward the earth, and worshiped.*

Moses knew that God would forgive Israel for their sin; therefore Moses also had forgiven Israel and spoke today's verse to the LORD.

† *"If now I have found grace in Your sight, O Lord, let my Lord, I pray, go among us, even though we are a stiff-necked people; and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us as Your inheritance."*

For us, it reminds us that once we truly see the LORD in His love, grace and mercy, we will also see God's forgiveness and patience with us, this nation and the world, and in turn we will forgive as He has forgiven us as well.

- † **Ephesians 4:32 (NLT2)** *Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.*
- † **Numbers 14:19 (NLT2)** *In keeping with your magnificent, unfailing love, please pardon the sins of this people, just as you have forgiven them ever since they left Egypt.*
- † **Psalm 85:2** *You have forgiven the iniquity of Your people; You have covered all their sin. Selah*