## The Word God Wrote

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Today's Scripture: Exodus 32:18

<sup>18</sup> But he said:

"It is not the noise of the shout of victory, Nor the noise of the cry of defeat, But the sound of singing I hear."

## THE WORD OF GOD WAS REVEALED AND RECORDED

- God gave Moses the Ten Commandments in Exodus 20; Moses did not return from the Mountain until Exodus 32
- What is contained in chapters 20-31
  - God's principles for holy living
  - How to deal justly with others
  - How to create a godly society
  - How to worship the Lord
  - o Instructions for building the Ark of the Covenant
  - Creation of a Tabernacle for worship
  - The practice of burnt offerings
  - Instructions to Consecrate Aaron and his family to serve as the priesthood
  - How to live a spiritual life
- While Moses was on Ararat, God provided him with the framework for creating God's chosen people
- The inspired, written Word of God finds its genesis on Mount Ararat

## THE WRITTEN WORD WAS PERSONALLY ESTABLISHED BY THE LORD

- The Ten Commandments were "written with the finger of God"
- The first written record was inscribed by God Himself

- The Lord wanted to establish from the beginning that the Word of God was His personal word to men
  - "the grass withers and the flower fades, but the Word of our God stands forever."
    Isaiah 40:8

## GOD RECORDED HIS WORD SO WE COULD KNOW AND DO HIS WILL

- God gave Moses a record that would serve as the blueprint for becoming the covenant people of God
  - Principles of Truth
  - Calls to Action
- Two Questions
  - O What truth is God showing me?
  - Am I bold enough to do something about it?