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³ Go up to a land flowing with milk and honey; for I will not go up in your midst, because you are an obstinate people, and I might destroy you on the way." 4 When the people heard this sad word, they went into mourning, and none of them put on his ornaments.

FOCAL TRUTH:

When God's people sin, they experience the distant presence of God.

Observations

- 1. God's people sinned in the presence of God. Ex. 32: 7,9
- 2. God was grieved by the sin of His people. Ex. 33:3
- 3. God withdrew His gracious presence from His sinful people. Ex. 33:5
- 4. God's people mourned and repented when they became aware of God's distant presence. Ex. 33:4

Things to Remember

- 1. The happiest time in the Christian life is the closeness of Christ's presence.
- 2. The saddest time in the Christian life is the distance of Christ's presence.
- 3. Sinning in God's presence causes a distant presence from God.
- 4. Awareness of the distant presence of God brings godly sorrow and repentance.
- 5. There are three people living inside of you: the one you think you are, the one other people think you are, and the one God knows you are!

Daily Use:

- Don't grieve God by sinning in His presence.
- Grieve that you have grieved God.
- Grieve that your sin distances God from you.
- Repent, return to your first love get rid of your worldly ornaments!
- Thank the Lord Jesus for the promise of His presence for all days.

