

“Who Is On The Lord’s Side?”

Exodus 32:26 (KJV)

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Facts leading to the question.

- Moses delayed to come down from the mount.
- People asked Aaron to make them gods. Exodus 32:1
- Golden calf made and worshiped. Exodus 32:2-6, 17-18
- Commandments of God violated.
 - cf. Exodus 20:3-4 No other gods ... no graven images.
- God’s wrath. Exodus 32:9-10
- Moses’ wrath. Exodus 32:19-20
- Aaron’s defense. Exodus 32:22, 24

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Negative answer: Not all who think they are...

- Faith only.
 - King Agrippa. Acts 26:27-28
 - Rulers of the synagogue. John 12:42-43; cf. Matthew 10:32-33
 - Faith without works dead. James 2:24
 - Faith must work. Galatians 5:6

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Negative answer:

- Good moral people.
 - Cornelius. Acts 10:2, 22; 11:14
 - Savior needed. Romans 3:23-26
 - Gospel needed. Romans 1:16-17

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Negative answer:

Many religious people.

- Devout Jews in Jerusalem. Acts 2:5
- Saul. Galatians 1:13-14; cf. Philippians 3:3ff
- Cornelius devoutly religious. Acts 10:2; 11:14
- Jews in Antioch of Pisidia. Acts 13
- Lydia. Acts 16:13-15

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Many religious people.

- Devil works in the realm of religion.
- False prophets. 2 Peter 2:1-3
- Other plants and blind guides. Matthew 15:13-14
- Vain worship. Matthew 15:9
- Satan’s synagogues. Revelation 2:9; 3:9
- Satan’s ministers. 2 Corinthians 11:14-15
- Some are unconscious enemies of Christ. cf. Paul – 1 Timothy 1:13; cf. Acts 23:1

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Negative answer:

Some who are members of the church.

- Some have turned back. 2 Peter 2:20-22
- Some hurt the church with worldly influence. 1 Corinthians 5

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Positive Answer: Exodus 32:26-28

Context: Sons of Levi

- They had obeyed God, others had not.

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Positive Answer:

Those who obey are on the Lord’s side.

- Must DO the will of the Father. Matthew 7:21; Luke 6:46
- Some profess to know the Lord, but by their works they deny Him. Titus 1:16
- John 15:14, “Ye are my friends, IF ye do the things which I command you.”

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Romans 6:16, “...sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?”

Galatians 2:5 Truth, or error.

2 Thessalonians 2:10 Love for the truth, or hatred.

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Because the Psalmist loved the truth, he could say,

“I hate every false way” (Psalms 119:104)

“Ye that love the Lord, hate evil.” (Psalms 96:10)

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