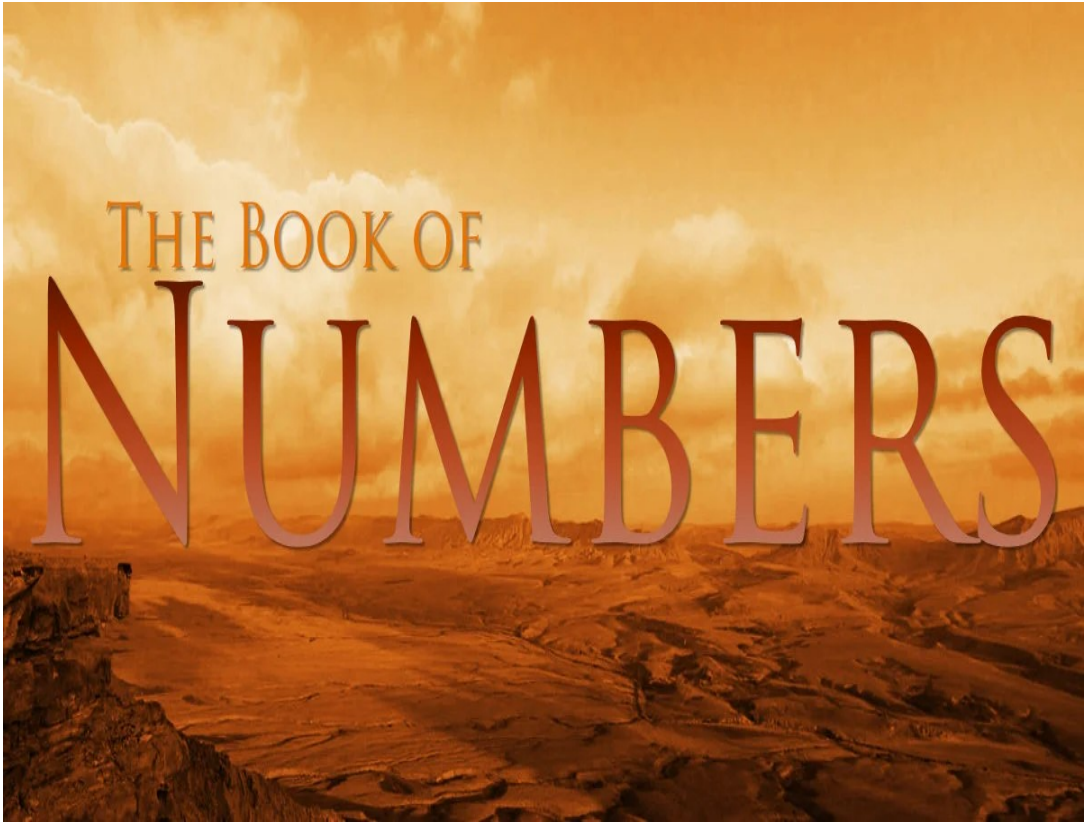


# Let's Worship God

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## **Monday - Numbers 18:20-32 - Care of the Levites**

The Levites and priests have no inheritance in the land. As Israel is a special people, and not to be counted among the other nations, so Levi is a special tribe, and not to be treated as the rest of the tribes. God says He is their part and inheritance. Those that have God for their inheritance and their portion forever ought to not covet the inheritances of this world. The Levites have no inheritance, and yet they live very comfortably and plentifully—to teach us that God has various ways of supporting those that live in dependence upon Him. The Levites have the honour of serving the tabernacle, which is denied the Israelites; but then the Israelites have the honour of inheritances in Canaan, which is denied the Levites; thus each is kept from either envying or despising the other, and both have reason to rejoice. The Israelites must not come near the tabernacle, but then the Levites must have no inheritance in the land.

The Levites are the smallest tribe of the twelve, and yet, besides all other advantages, they have a tenth part of the yearly profits, without the trouble and expense of ploughing and sowing; such care does God take of those that are devoted to His service; not only that they might be well looked after, but that they might be honoured with an acknowledgment of the good services they do and recognised as God's representative. The Levites are to give God His tithe out of what they receive as well. They are not exempted by their office. After they give their tenth, they can enjoy the other nine parts. This is how we should enjoy our worldly possessions without sin. First, we must be sure that what we have has come honestly and in the service of God. Second, we must be sure that God has His dues out of it. Then we can enjoy it to the glory of God.

### **Question**

1. What do the Levites inherit?
2. Were the Levites exempt from tithing?

### **Prayer Points**

1. Give thanks for all that God has given you.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### **Memory Verse**

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## **Tuesday - Numbers 19:1-10 - Pointing to Christ**

The heifer must not only be without blemish, pointing to the spotless purity and sinless perfection of the Lord Jesus, but it must a red heifer, because of the rarity of the colour, that it might be more remarkable. Christ, as man, is the Son of Adam who came from red earth, and we find Christ red in His clothing, red with His own blood, and red with the blood of His enemies. The heifer must be one which has never had a yoke; this points to the the Lord Jesus voluntarily offering Himself up. This heifer is to be provided at the expense of the congregation, because they are all to have a joint share in it; and so all believers have a joint share in Christ.

Eleazar is to sprinkle the blood directly before the door of the tabernacle. This signifies the satisfaction that is made to God by the death of Christ, our great high priest, who by the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot unto God; directly before the sanctuary, when He said, 'Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit.' The heifer is to be wholly burnt. This typifies the extreme sufferings of our Lord Jesus, both in soul and body, as a sacrifice made by fire. The water of purification are made by the ashes of a heifer, whose blood is sprinkled before the sanctuary; in the same way that which cleanses us is the death of Christ. The ashes are sufficient for all the people, and there is virtue enough in the blood of Christ for all that repent and believe the gospel. These ashes are capable of being preserved without waste for many ages. They are an emblem of the everlasting sacrifice of Christ. He is able to save and able to cleanse, to the uttermost. These ashes are kept as a treasure, for the constant purification of Israel from their sins; so the blood of Christ is laid up for us in the Word and sacraments, as an inexhaustible fountain, to which by faith we may go daily.

## **Questions**

1. How does this sacrifice point to Christ?
2. What do the ashes tell us about Christ?

## **Prayer Points**

1. Give thanks for Christ's sacrifice on our behalf.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

## **Memory Verse**

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## **Wednesday - Numbers 19:11-22 - The Curse of Death**

Whenever anyone dies several people must unavoidably become unclean. This signifies that we can't avoid being polluted by the sinful world we pass through. Taking care of the dead body is necessary and kind, and yet uncleanness is contracted by it, which teaches that sin is mixed with our best deeds. This uncleanness is contracted by what is done privately in their own houses, which shows that God sees what is done in secret, and nothing can be concealed from Him. This uncleanness might be contracted, and yet a man might never know it, which teaches us that we can sin without realising it, and we need forgiveness for those sins too. Why does the law make a dead body such a defiling thing? Because death is the wages of sin, came into the world through sin, and reigns by the power of sin. Death is a curse. The law can not conquer death as the gospel does. Since our Redeemer was dead and buried, death no longer destroys.

As the ashes of the heifer signify the merit of Christ, so the running water signifies the power and grace of the Holy Spirit, and it is by Him that the righteousness of Christ is applied to us for our cleansing. Faith is the bunch of hyssop by which the conscience is sprinkled and the heart purified. The unclean person does not begin the days of his cleansing until he is finished with the dead body. We may only apply Christ's merit to our souls, when we have forsaken sin, and turned from all fellowship with the unfruitful works of death and darkness. A slight wound, if neglected, may prove fatal; a sin we call little, if not repented of, will be our ruin. Even he that sprinkles the water of separation is unclean till the evening. In this way God shows them the imperfection of those services, and their insufficiency to purify the conscience, that they might look for the Messiah.

### **Question**

1. Why is the dead body so unclean?
2. How were they taught to look to the Messiah?

### **Prayer Points**

1. Give thanks that Christ has delivered us from the power of death.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### **Memory Verse**

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## **Thursday - Numbers 20:1-13 - The Waters of Meribah**

Forty silent years have passed between the end of chapter 19 and the start of this chapter. After wandering in the wilderness all that time, the armies of Israel now set their faces towards Canaan again. There is no water for the congregation, so the people gather themselves together against Moses and Aaron. They have had to endure the consequences of their father's sins for almost forty years in the wilderness; and yet they're doing the exact same thing their father's did despite an even longer experience of God's goodness to them.

God appears, not to treat the rebels as they deserve, but in mercy to give them what they need. But Moses and Aaron sin here. What is their sin? First, they don't use the means God has provided and instead take matters into their own hands. Second, they assume too much of the glory of this miracle to themselves: 'Shall we bring water for you out of this rock?' as if it is done by some power or worthiness of theirs. Thirdly, they don't believe God; they don't trust that He can do what He says He will do. Fourthly, they act this way out of rage. Fifthly, they sin before the eyes of the children of Israel, to whom they should have been examples of faith, and hope, and meekness. Moses has been guilty of sinful distrust before. That was private between God and him, and therefore was only checked. But this is public; it dishonours God before Israel and discourages the people's hope in God, and therefore this is severely punished. This teaches us that the best of men have their sins - let him that thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. God judges not as man judges concerning sins. He knows from what thoughts and intents, words and actions proceed. We also learn that when we are angry, we need to watch what we say and do.

### **Questions**

1. What do the people complain about?
2. How do Moses and Aaron sin?

### **Prayer Points**

1. Pray that God would make you obedient to Him.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### **Memory Verse**

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## Friday - Numbers 20:14-21 - A Request Denied

The nearest way to Canaan from the place where Israel is encamped is through the country of Edom. Moses sends ambassadors to the king of Edom for permission to pass through his country. They are to remind the Edomites that they are related. Esau and Jacob, the two fathers of their respective nations, were twin-brothers; and therefore, they might reasonably expect kindness from them; and the Edomites don't need to be afraid that their brother Israel will take advantage of them. They are to give a short account of the history and present status of Israel. And in this there are two points:—(1.) Israel has been abused by the Egyptians, and therefore ought to be pitied and cared for by their relations. (2.) Israel has been wonderfully saved by the Lord, and therefore ought to be favoured. It is our wisdom and duty to be kind to those whom God is pleased to call His own, and to take His people for our people. They are humbly to beg leave to travel through their country. Though God himself, in the pillar of cloud and fire, is Israel's guide, yet God will have them be respectful to the Edomites in this way. They are to promise the good behaviour of the Israelites in this march, that they will keep on the high road, that they will not so much as make use of a well without paying for it, and that they will go as fast as they can. Nothing could be more fair.

The ambassadors return with a denial. This is partly due to Edom's jealousy of the Israelites and partly to the old hatred which Esau bore to Jacob. Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing, and now the hatred revives, when the blessing is ready to be inherited. We must not think it strange if the most reasonable requests are denied by unreasonable men, and if others are offended by those whom God favours.

### Question

1. What are they to remind Edom of?
2. How does Edom respond?

### Prayer Points

1. Pray for Christians being persecuted in other countries.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### Memory Verse

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## **Saturday - Numbers 20:22-29 - The Next Generation**

Aaron, though he dies for his transgression, is not put to death by a plague, or fire from heaven, but dies with ease and in honour. He is not cut off from his people, as the expression usually is concerning those that die by the hand of God's justice, but he is gathered to his people, as one that dies in the arms of God's grace. The death of Aaron also shows that the priests will not live forever by reason of sin and death, but the priesthood of Christ, being undefiled, is unchangeable, and forever.

Aaron submits, and goes up with his brother and son to the top of Mount Hor in the sight of all the congregation. By this Aaron lets Israel know that he is neither afraid nor ashamed to die. Moses puts the priestly garments upon Eleazar. This is a great comfort to Moses, to see that the priesthood will continue and not be extinguished by death itself. This is a great satisfaction to Aaron to see his son, who is dear to him, honoured, and his office, which is dearer, preserved and secured, and especially to see in this a type of Christ's everlasting priesthood. This is a great kindness to the people. The installing of Eleazar before Aaron is dead will prevent those who dislike Aaron's family from attempting to set up another upon his death, in competition with his son. What can they do when the matter is already settled? It will encourage those among them that fear God, and be a token for good to them, that He will not leave them, nor allow His faithfulness to fail. Aaron lays himself down and dies contentedly; for a good man desires, if it is the will of God, not to outlive his usefulness. While Aaron lived, they murmured at him all the time, but now that he is dead they mourn him. We often don't appreciate what God gives us till He takes it away.

## **Question**

1. How does Aaron die?
2. Who is the high priest after him?

## **Prayer Points**

1. Pray for the preaching and hearing of God's Word tomorrow.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

## **Memory Verse**

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Ezra read from  
the book of the Law  
day after day  
and that  
the people of God  
were filled with joy!**

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