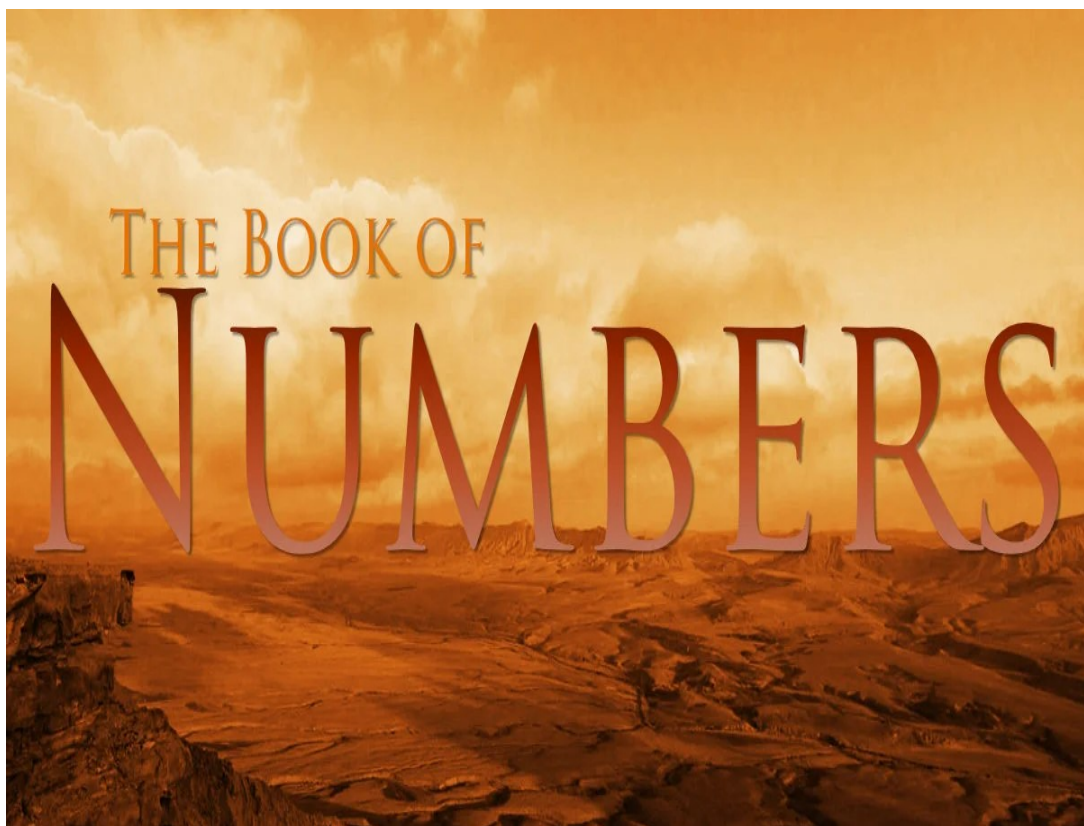


Let's Worship God

11th-16th September 2023
Numbers



THE BOOK OF NUMBERS

Monday - Numbers 27:1-11 - The Daughter's Inheritance

What God has said to Moses he has faithfully made known to the people, that the land of Canaan is to be divided among those that are now numbered; these daughters of Zelophehad know that they are not numbered, and therefore by this rule must expect no inheritance, and the family of their father must be looked upon as extinct and childless, though he has all these daughters. They find this hard, and therefore ask to be admitted heirs to their father, and to have an inheritance in his place. This shows that they have a strong faith in the power and promise of God concerning the giving of the land of Canaan to Israel. Though it is yet unconquered and untouched, yet they ask for their share in it as if it is theirs already. This also shows that they have an earnest desire of a place and name in the land of promise. Their example should encourage us to make sure of our title to our heavenly inheritance. These daughters also demonstrate a true respect and honour for their father, whose name is dear and precious to them now that he is gone. They make the point that their father did not die engaged in any mutiny or rebellion against Moses, particularly not in that of Korah and his company. He was never convicted of any thing that might be a bar to their claim.

Moses does not presume to give judgment himself, because, though they seem just and reasonable, yet his express orders are to divide the land among those that are numbered, who are the males only; he therefore brings their cause before the Lord, and waits for His decision. God notices the affairs, not only of nations, but of private families. Their petition is granted. Those that seek an inheritance in the land of promise shall have what they seek, and other things shall be added to them.

Question

1. What case do these daughters make?
2. What does this show about how they see the Promised Land?

Prayer Points

1. Give thanks that we have a heavenly inheritance.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Psalm 90:14

Praise: Psalm 5 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.

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Tuesday - Numbers 27:12-14 - Consequences

God tells Moses of his fault - speaking hastily at the waters of strife, where he did not demonstrate, as carefully as he ought to have done, a respect for the honour of God. Though Moses is a servant of the Lord, a faithful servant, yet he rebelled against God's commandment, and failed in his duty at one time; and though he is a very honourable servant, and highly blessed, that rebellion still has consequences, and all the world shall hear of it; for God will show his displeasure against sin, even in those that are nearest and dearest to Him. God tells Moses his death is the punishment of his sin, and yet there is mercy here as well. Moses must die, but he shall first have the satisfaction of seeing the land of promise. God does not intend with this sight of Canaan to tantalise him, or rebuke him with his foolishness in doing that which cut him short of it, but God appoints it and Moses accepts it as a favour. Moses must die, but death does not cut him off; it only gathers him to his people, brings him to rest with the holy patriarchs that have gone before him. Moses must die, but only as Aaron died before him. And Moses saw how easily and cheerfully Aaron had put off the priesthood first and then the body; Moses therefore doesn't need to be afraid of dying; it is but to be gathered to his people, as Aaron was gathered. The death of those close to us should cause us to think often of dying. We are not better than our fathers or brothers; if they are gone, we are going; if they are gathered already, we must be gathered very shortly. But the death of others should also be an encouragement to us to think of death without terror. If their end is peace, if they finish their course with joy; why then should we fear?

Questions

1. What are the consequences of Moses' sin?
2. What mercy does God show Moses?

Prayer Points

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

Memory Verse

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Psalm 90:14

Praise: Psalm 6 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.

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Wednesday - Numbers 27:15-23 - Joshua

When God tells Moses that he must die, he begs earnestly that the work of God might be carried on, though he might not have the honour of finishing it. We should concern ourselves, both in our prayers and in our work, for the next generation, that faith may flourish, and God's kingdom among men may be maintained and advanced, when we are in our graves. In this prayer Moses expresses, 1. A tender concern for the people of Israel. 2. A believing dependence upon God.

God, in answer to his prayer, appoints a successor, Joshua, who has long since stood out by his courage in fighting Amalek, his humility in ministering to Moses, and his faith and sincerity in standing against the report of the evil spies. This is a man in whom is the Spirit, the Spirit of grace (he is a good man, fearing God and hating covetousness, and acting from principle), the spirit of government (he is fit to do the work), a spirit of courage; and he has also the spirit of prophecy, for the Lord often speaks to him, Josh. 4:1; 6:2; 7:10.

Moses transfers the government to him by laying his hands on him. He presents him to Eleazar and the people, and charges him with the people of Israel, who are delivered into his hand as sheep into the hand of a shepherd, and for whom he must be accountable. Joshua shall stand before Eleazar, ready to receive and observe all God's instructions. Though he is full of the Spirit, and has all this honour put upon him, yet he must do nothing without asking counsel of God. This is also a great encouragement to him. To govern Israel, and to conquer Canaan, are two hard tasks, but God assures him that in every difficult case God will advise him as to what is best.

Question

1. What does Moses pray for?
2. Who is chosen?

Prayer Points

1. Pray for the young people in the church.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Psalm 90:14

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Thursday - Numbers 28:1-8 - A Daily Sacrifice

Now that the people are numbered, orders given for the dividing of the land, and a general of the forces nominated and commissioned, one would have expected that the next chapter should begin the conquest of Canaan, but instead it contains the laws of worship, to show that now, as they are on the point of entering Canaan, they should be sure to take the worship of God along with them, and not forget this, in the midst of their fighting.

Here is a general order given concerning the offerings of the Lord, which are to be brought in their season. God repeats the law of sacrifices because this is a new generation of men, most of whom were unborn when the previous laws were given; therefore, that they might be without excuse, they not only have these laws written, to be read to them, but again repeated from God Himself. They are now entering upon war, and might be tempted to think that while they are engaged in that they are excused from offering sacrifices. But God says otherwise. They need to be specially careful to keep their peace with God when they are at war with their enemies. Possession is now to be given them of the land of promise, that land flowing with milk and honey, where they would have plenty of all good things. But in the midst of their feasting, they must not forget their obedience to God.

The daily sacrifice is a lamb in the morning and a lamb in the evening, which is called a continual burnt-offering, which reminds us that we are to daily offer up our prayers and praises to God. The wine to be poured out in the drink-offering is ordered to be strong wine, the richest and most generous and best wine they could get. This teaches us to serve God with the best we have.

Questions

1. Why are these laws for sacrifice here?
2. How often is a lamb to be sacrificed?

Prayer Points

1. Pray that you would serve God with the best you have.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Psalm 90:14

Praise: Psalm 8 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.

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Friday - Numbers 28:9-31 - Offerings

Every sabbath day the offering must be doubled; besides the two lambs offered for the daily burnt-offering, there must be two more offered. This teaches us to double our devotions on sabbath days. The sabbath rest is to be observed, in order to focus on the sabbath work, which ought to fill up sabbath time. The monthly offerings are very large, two bullocks, a ram, and seven lambs, with the meat-offerings and drink-offerings that go with them, besides a sin-offering. For, when we give glory to God by confessing His mercies, we must give glory to Him likewise by confessing our own sins; and, when we rejoice in the gifts of God, we must remember the sacrifice of Christ, that great gift of special grace.

Next we have the sacrifices which are to be offered during the seven days of unleavened bread, which followed the passover. The first and last of those seven days are to be set apart as sabbaths, by holy rest and holy worship, and on each of the seven days they are to be generous in their sacrifices, as a sign of their great and constant thankfulness for their deliverance out of Egypt. It is not enough that we purge out the leavened bread of sin, but we must offer the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving continually. Next comes pentecost or the day of firstfruits. In the feast of unleavened bread they offered a sheaf of their first-fruits of barley to the priest (Lev. 23:10), as an introduction to the harvest; but now, about seven weeks after, they are to bring a new meat-offering to the Lord, at the end of harvest, in thankfulness to God. It was at this feast that the Holy Spirit was poured out (Acts 2:1), and thousands were converted by the preaching of the apostles, and were presented to Christ, to be a kind of first-fruits of his creatures.

Question

1. What kind of offerings were given on the sabbath?
2. What happened at Pentecost in Acts 2?

Prayer Points

1. Give thanks for the gift of the Lord's Day.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Psalm 90:14

Praise: Psalm 9 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.

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Saturday - Numbers 29:1-11 - Day of Atonement

There are more sacred assemblies in the seventh month than in any other month partly because it is considered the first month in the civil laws of the jubilees and years of release, but also because it is the time of rest between harvest and seed-time, when they have the most leisure to attend the sanctuary, which shows that the more leisure we have from the pressing concerns of this life the more time we should spend in the immediate service of God. Care is taken that the sacrifices described here should not supersede the daily and monthly sacrifices. We must not look for reasons or excuses to not worship God, but rather rejoice in all the extra opportunities we have to worship. If we perform family worship, we must not think that this will excuse us from our private worship; nor that on the days we go to church we need not worship God alone and with our families; but we should always abound in the work of the Lord. Besides all the services of the day of atonement, here are burnt-offerings ordered to be offered. For in our faith and repentance, those two great gospel graces which are signified by the day of atonement, we must have an eye to the glory and honour of God, which is purely intended in the burnt-offerings. There is also to be a sin-offering, besides the great sin-offering of atonement, which shows that even in our repentance there is sin. Though we must not repent that we have repented, yet we must repent that we have not repented better. It also shows the imperfection of the sacrifices, and their insufficiency to take away sin, that on the very day the sin-offering of atonement is offered, there must be another sin-offering. But what the sacrifices could not do, that Christ has done.

Question

1. What sacrifices are they not to leave out?
2. Who was the perfect sacrifice?

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

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Psalm 90:14

Praise: Psalm 10 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.

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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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