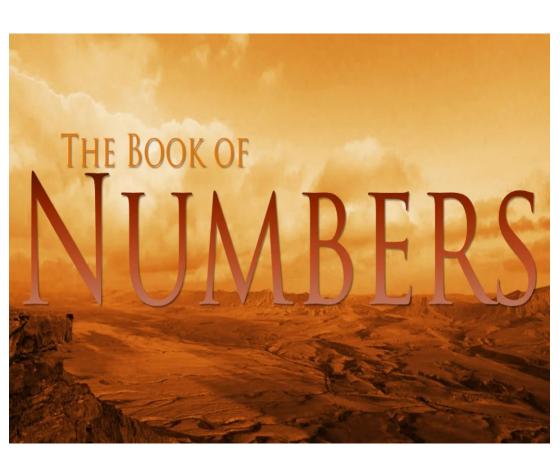
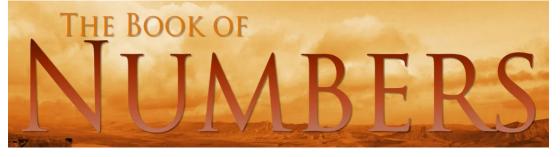
Let's Worship God

26th June - 1st July 2023 Numbers





Monday - Numbers 5:1-10 - Expelling the Unclean

This expelling of the unclean out of the camp is a sign of: what the leadership of the church ought to do: they must separate between the precious and the evil, lest others should be infected and defiled. It is for the glory of Christ and the edification of His church that those who are openly and incorrigibly evil should be put out and kept from Christian communion till they repent. This is also a sign of what God Himself will do in the great day: He will thoroughly gather out of His kingdom all things that are wicked. As here the unclean are shut out of the camp, so into the new Jerusalem no unclean thing shall enter.

If a man sins against or defrauds his brother in any matter, it is to be looked upon as a sin against the Lord, who is the protector of right, the punisher of wrong, and who strictly charges and commands us to do justly. Satisfaction must be made for the offense done to God, whose law is broken, as well as for the loss sustained by our neighbour; restitution in this case is not sufficient without faith and repentance. This law we have had before (Lev. 6:4), and it is here added that if the party wronged is dead, and he has no near kinsman who is entitled to the debt, or if it is any way uncertain to whom the restitution should be made, this is not an excuse to keep what is unjustly gotten; and therefore it must be given to the priest.

Whatever is given to the priest, is his. He that gives it isn't to get it back for any reason. This law makes sure that people don't give things to the priests in a fit of zeal, and then take them back when they get angry. The other priests are not to share with that priest to whom the hallowed thing, whatever it is, is given. The one that does the work, let him have the pay.

Question

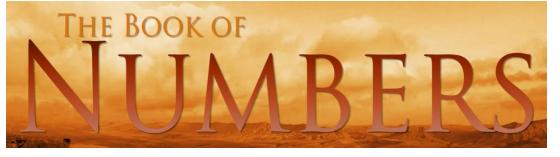
- 1. What is the expelling of the unclean a sign of?
- 2. What should someone do if they cheated their neighbour?

Prayer Points

- 1. Pray for the leadership of the church.
- 2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
- 3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

You return man to dust and say, "Return, O children of man!" Psalm 90:3 Praise: Psalm 109 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.



Tuesday - Numbers 5:11-31 - Adultery

The sin of adultery is rebelling against God and what He commands. It is sinning against the spouse, robbing them of their honour and violating the covenant made with them. Nothing pollutes the mind and conscience more than this sin does. It is a sin which great care is taken by the sinners to conceal. We can learn from these verses that we should not give any the least occasion to suspect us of sexual sin; for how great a matter may a little fire kindle! We should also learn not to entertain any causeless or unjust suspicions of others. This trial described in these verses may seem strange to us, but even today we see God punishing those who commit sexual sins in much the same way by the spread of often fatal diseases and barrenness.

From these verses we may learn first that secret sins are known to God, and sometimes are strangely brought to light in this life; however, there is a day coming when God will, by Jesus Christ, as here by the priest, judge the secrets of men according to the gospel, Rom. 2:16. Secondly, in particular, adulterers God will judge. The violation of the marriage covenant is highly provoking to the God of heaven, and sooner or later it will be accounted for. Though we don't have today the waters of jealousy to be a terror to the unclean, yet we have a word from God which ought to be as great a terror, that if any man defile the temple of God, God shall destroy him, 1 Cor. 3:17. Thirdly, that God will find some way or other to clear the innocent, and to bring forth their righteousness as the light. Fourthly, that the same word is to some life, to others death, like those waters of jealousy, the same providence is for good to some and for hurt to others. And, whatever it is intended for, it shall not return void.

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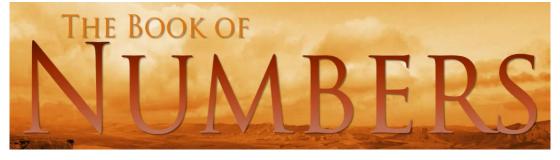
- 1. How does God view adultery?
- 2. What will happen on the last day?

Prayer Points

- 1. Pray for the salvation of family and friends.
- 2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
- 3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

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Wednesday - Numbers 6:1-21 - The Nazarite

The Nazarites are devoted to the Lord during the time of their vow, and probably spend much of their time studying the law and instructing others. They are separate not only from others, but from what they themselves were before and after. Every Israelite is bound to love God with all his heart, but the Nazarites by their own actions bind themselves to do some things, as expressions of that love, which other Israelites are not bound to. Every true Christian is a spiritual Nazarite, separated by vow unto the Lord.

Nazarites are to be an example of self-control as all Christians should be, not just with wine but in all things. The long hair of the Nazarites shows their subjection to God, and their putting themselves under His dominion. The Nazarites must be devoted to God, employed for Him, and their minds intent upon Him; they must keep themselves pure in heart and life, and be in every thing holy and clean.

If a Nazarite unavoidably becomes unclean by the touch of a dead body, he is to bring an offering and make atonement and begin again. This teaches us that even accidental sins must be seriously repented of, and forgiveness must be sought every day. If a Christian turns away from God and sins, all the good he did before is useless. He must repent and begin again.

When the time of the Nazarites separation is over, he is to be free. So that no one thinks that God now owes him, he brings a burnt offering to God; for, when we have done our utmost for God, we have only been doing what we should have been doing all along. Even though he has fulfiled the vow of his separation, yet he must bring a sacrifice for sin; for there is sin in all we do, even our best works. A peace-offering, in thankfulness to God who has enabled him to fulfil his vow, is also offered

Question

- 1. What kind of things does a Nazarite promise to do?
- 2. Why must he offer offerings at the end of his vow?

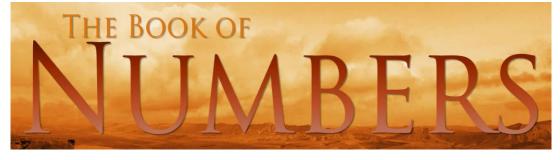
Prayer Points

- 1. Pray that you would serve God wholeheartedly.
- 2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
- 3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

You return man to dust and say, "Return, O children of man!" Psalm 90:3

Praise: Psalm 111 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.



Thursday - Numbers 6:22-27 - The Blessing

The priests are appointed solemnly to bless the people in the name of the Lord. It is part of their work. In this way God gives great comfort and satisfaction to the people, who look upon the priest as God's mouth to them. Though the priest of himself has no power to bless, yet being commanded by God, the prayer carries with it a promise, and he pronounces it as one having authority with his hands lifted up and his face towards the people. This is a type of Christ's work, which is to bless us, as our high priest. The last thing Christ does on earth is to bless his disciples, Matt.28:18-20. This is also a pattern for ministers, who dismiss the congregation with a blessing. The same man that God uses to teach and command His people, He uses to bless them; and those that receive God's Word receive His blessing.

First of all notice that this blessing is personal - it is for each person hearing it to take to themselves. Secondly, it's interesting that the name Jehovah or the Lord is repeated three times in it each with a different accent in the original. This parallels the New Testament blessing of the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit (2 Corinthians 13:14). Thirdly, this blessing teaches us that all good things come from God. It's like saying, "The Lord love you and cause you to know that He loves you." If God gives us the assurances of His love and His acceptance of us, this will put gladness into our heart. The fruits of this blessing are protection, pardon, and peace.

God gives the priests permission to use His name in blessing the people, and to bless them as His people, called by His name. God's name upon them is their honour, their comfort, their safety, and their plea.

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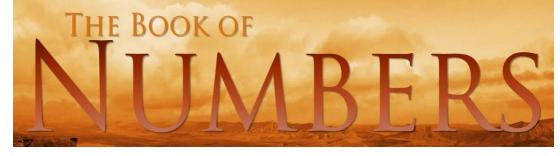
- 1. How is the priest like Christ?
- 2. What things are promised in this blessing?

Prayer Points

- 1. Give thanks for God's love for you.
- 2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
- 3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

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Friday - Numbers 7:1-9 - Strength For The Task

Here is the offering of the chiefs for the service of the tabernacle. Notice first when it is done - not till the tabernacle is fully set up. When all things are done both about the tabernacle itself, and the camp of Israel which surrounds it, according to the directions given, then they begin their presents, probably about the eighth day of the second month.

Notice who it is that makes these offerings: the chiefs of Israel, heads of the house of their fathers, v. 2. The more privilege anyone has, the more that is expected from them, on account of the greater opportunity they have of serving God and their generation. What are wealth and power good for, except to enable a man to do so much more good in the world?

Notice what is offered: six wagons, each with a yoke of oxen to draw them, v. 3. These wagons would have been the best of their kind. Even though God, in His wisdom, has provided all the essentials for the tabernacle, He uses the gifts that are brought to further serve Him. This is the pattern of how God works. He can provide everything directly, but He is pleased to use us and the gifts He has given us as a means for His glory.

No sooner is the tabernacle fully set up than this provision is made to remove it. Even when we are just settled in the world, and think we are beginning to take root, we must be preparing for changes, especially for the great change. While we are here in this world, we must keep in mind that everything is temporary.

Notice how God wisely and graciously orders the most strength to those that have the most work. Whatever burden God in His providence lays upon us, He will, by His sufficient grace, give the strength needed.

Question

- 1. What do the chiefs of the tribes offer?
- 2. How does God divide this gift?

Prayer Points

- 1. Pray for strength for those in the congregation with heavy burdens.
- 2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
- 3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

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Saturday - Numbers 7:10-89 - God's Record

The chiefs are first in the service of God. Those who have more than others should do more good than others with what they have, otherwise they are unfaithful stewards. They bring offerings of each sort. This shows their thankful acceptance of, and cheerful submission to, all those laws concerning the sacrifices which God has given them. Though it is a time of joy and rejoicing, yet still in the midst of their sacrifices we find a sin-offering. Since in our best actions there is a mixture of sin, there should be even in our most joyful service a mixture of repentance. Whenever we come to God, we must by faith have our eyes on Christ as the great sin-offering.

They bring their offerings each on a separate day, in the order that they are put into. God's work should not be done confusedly, and in a hurry. All their offerings are exactly the same, though it is probable that neither the chiefs nor the tribes are all equally rich; but this shows that all the tribes have an equal share in the altar, and an equal interest in the sacrifices that are offered upon it. So if each tribe gives the same, why doesn't Moses just say that? Why does he spell it out? Because it lets us know that what is so given is lent to the Lord, and He carefully records it, with every one's name prefixed to his gift, because what is so given He will pay again, and even a cup of cold water shall have its reward.

God signifies His gracious acceptance of these presents that are brought Him, by speaking to Moses from the mercy-seat; and in speaking to him He does in effect speak to all Israel. By this we may know that God hears and accepts our prayers if He gives us grace to hear and receive His Word, for in this way, praying and reading the Word, our relationship with Him is maintained and kept up.

Question

- 1. Why do they need to offer sin offerings?
- 2. What is the point of recording all these gifts?

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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God tells us that
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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