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BOOK OF NUMBERS

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PRAYS

- Pray for the prayer request printed in your bulletin
- Thank God for how He is responding to 30 days of prayer. Write in the prayer request box an answer to prayer for healing, holiness, harvest, or home in response to our 30 days of prayer
- The Great Southwest Prayer Center
- Sister church, Cornerstone Evangelical Presbyterian Church and Pastor Carter Sanger
- The Azer*baijani of Azerbaijan

We ask all this for the glory of Your name.

“For My House Shall Be Called A House Of Prayer For All Nations.” Isaiah 56:7

Please pray for this request shared during last week’s worship service.

Pray for others

Mi Maravillosa y Defectuoso Aventura

“Mi Salvación En El Camino”

Números 20 | 25 de Septiembre de 2022

Mi Maravillosa y Defectuoso Aventura			
Un Estudio Del Libro De Números			
Fecha	Título	Historia Principal	Números
Aug 21	Mi Maravillosa y Defectuoso Aventura	La columna de nube y fuego	9:15-10:10
Aug 28	Mis Promesas en el Camino	El Voto Nazareo	6:1-27
Sept 4	Mis quejas en el camino	Las murmuraciones del pueblo de Dios	11:1-12:16
Sept 11	Mis fracasos en el viaje	Los doce espías	13:1-14:45
Sept 18	Mi rebelión en el viaje	La rebelión de Coré	16:1-17:3
Sept 25	Mi ira en el camino	Moisés golpea la roca	20:1-13
Oct 2	Mi Salvación en el Camino	La Serpiente de Bronce	21:4-9
Oct 9	Mis tentaciones en el camino	El Burro de Balaam	22:1-25:18
Oct 16	El viaje de la próxima generación	Moisés comisiona a Josué	27:12-23

Dos Exhortaciones del Desierto (Números 21:4-9)

1. Deja de _____ – es pecado y será juzgado (vv.4-6)

- Esta es la duodécima vez que los israelitas se quejan. ¡Podríamos renombrar este libro como “El Libro de las Quejas”!

Las Quejas de Israel en el Desierto		
Queja	Respuesta de Dios	Texto
Ejercito del Faraón	Partió el mar rojo y ahogo a los egipcios	Ex 14:1-31
Agua amarga	Lo hizo potable	Ex 15:22-27
Falta de comida	Mando mana	Ex 16:1-36
Falta de agua	Corrió agua de la roca	Ex 17:1-7
Quejas del desierto	Consumió parte del pueblo con fuego	Num 11:1-3
Falta de carne	Mando aves	Num 11:4-35
Miriam/Aaron se quejan de Moises	Maria recibe lepra	Num 12:1-16
Gigantes en la tierra	Vagar por 40 años	Num 14:1-35
Moises/Aaron liderazgo	Suelo los come	Num 16:1-35
“Mataron a Cora”	Plaga	Num 16:41-50
Falta de agua	Agua de la roca/ Moisés es disciplinado	Num 20:1-13
Quejas del desierto	Serpientes	Num 21:4-9

- Filipenses 2:14-15 (NVI) – Haced todo sin quejaros ni contiendas, para que seáis irreprochables y puros, hijos de Dios sin mancha en una generación torcida y depravada, en la cual resplandecéis como estrellas en el universo.
- Aplicación – Para quejarme menos, Señor, ayúdame a...
 - Practicar agradecimiento

- Dejar de intentar volver a Egipto y, en cambio, vivir en el presente disfrutando de lo que Dios ha provisto
- Dejen de quejarse de mis líderes y, en cambio, apóyenlos
- La consecuencia y el juicio del pecado de los israelitas esta vez fue que Dios envió “serpientes ardientes” (serpientes venenosas con una mordedura ardiente y letal).
- Warren Wiersbe: “Ardiente’ no describe la apariencia de las serpientes sino la inflamación y el dolor causado por su veneno. Los mordidos morían rápidamente, y aparentemente su muerte no fue fácil. La paga del pecado sigue siendo la muerte.”

2. _____ y recibir la misericordia de Dios del juicio de Dios (vv.7-9)

- Felicitaciones porque los israelitas reconocieron su pecado y se arrepintieron: expresaron tristeza según Dios con la intención de cambiar (v.7a).
- Su oración era para que Dios quitara las serpientes (v.7b). Dios contestó su oración con salvación, pero no de la manera exacta que ellos pidieron. En lugar de quitar las serpientes, Dios proveyó un remedio salvador a través de una serpiente de bronce sobre una asta.
- Pregunta: ¿Dios sigue siendo bueno si no quita las serpientes?
- Pregunta: ¿Por qué una serpiente de bronce? ¿Por qué no un cordero de bronce o una paloma de bronce? ¿Por qué una serpiente de bronce en una asta?
- John Piper: “La serpiente en el asta no es preventiva. Es para personas mordidas. El veneno está en ellos, y sin la intervención divina morirán. Las serpientes en el campamento son del Señor. Él los envió. La ira de Dios está sobre este pueblo por su pecado de ingratitud, murmuración y rebelión. Los medios que Dios elige para rescatar al pueblo de su propia maldición son una imagen de la maldición misma. Todo lo que tienen que hacer para salvarse de la ira de Dios es mirar Su provisión colgada de un poste”.
- Gálatas 3:13 – Cristo nos redimió de la maldición de la ley, hecho por nosotros maldición, porque está escrito: "Maldito todo el que es colgado en un madero".
- 2 Corintios 5:21 – Al que no conoció pecado, por nosotros Dios lo hizo pecado, para que nosotros fuésemos hechos justicia de Dios en él.

Tres ideas poderosas sobre uno de los pasajes bíblicos más populares de toda la Biblia (Juan 3:1-16)

1. Nicodemo no podía entender lo que Jesús estaba compartiendo con él porque Nicodemo no había sido _____ (vv.3,9-12)

- **1 Corintios 2:13-15** – *Cuando les decimos estas cosas, no usamos palabras que provienen de la sabiduría humana. En cambio, hablamos las palabras que nos da el Espíritu, usando las palabras del Espíritu para explicar las verdades espirituales. Pero las personas que no son espirituales no pueden recibir estas verdades del Espíritu de Dios. Todo les parece una tontería y no pueden entenderlo, porque sólo aquellos que son espirituales pueden entender lo que significa el Espíritu.*
- No puedes entender las verdades espirituales a menos que nazcas de nuevo.

2. Jesús usó una Escritura que Nicodemo había memorizado para explicarle _____ y _____ para nacer de nuevo y ser salvo (vv.14-16)

- ¿Por qué tienes que nacer de nuevo? Porque has pecado y has sido mordido por la serpiente. Tienes el veneno del pecado dentro de ti.
- ¿Cómo se nace de nuevo? Mirando al Maldito colgado de un poste. Al creer en el Hijo del Hombre (Jesús), quien fue maldecido en tu lugar, en tu lugar, como tu sustituto, al colgar en la cruz por todos tus pecados. Maldito todo el que es colgado en un madero.

3. “Creer” significa “_____” (vv.14-15)

- **Números 21:9** – *Y si una serpiente mordía a alguien, miraría a la serpiente de bronce y viviría.*
- **Isaías 45:22** – *¡Mirad a mí, y sed salvos, todos los términos de la tierra!*

Mi gran aplicación hoy: hoy, elijo...

- Buscar en Jesús la salvación de todos mis pecados y el juicio resultante de muerte (separación de Dios).

Señor Jesús, te miro a ti. Lo siento por mis pecados, y me arrepiento. Jesús, te miro con fe y recibo lo que hiciste por mí en la cruz convirtiéndote en maldición por mí. Gracias. Recibo tu remedio de salvación para todo el veneno en mi vida. Recibo el perdón de mis pecados y Tu regalo gratuito de vida eterna. Por favor, dame a luz de nuevo. Te miro a Ti.

- Declararles a todos que miro a Jesús al bautizarme en agua.
- Buscar a Jesús para que me dé victoria y poder sobre mis hábitos de pecado, adicciones y malas prácticas.
- Buscar a Jesús para tocar y ayudar a mi matrimonio.
- Buscar a Jesús para tocar y ayudar en mi crianza.
- Buscar a Jesús para tocar y ayudar a mis hijos.
- Buscar a Jesús para tocar y ayudar en mi soltería.
- Buscar a Jesús para tocar y ayudar en mis finanzas.
- Buscar a Jesús para tocar y ayudar a mi salud.
- Buscar a Jesús para tocar y ayudar en mi trabajo y lugar de trabajo.
- Mirar a Jesús para...
- Buscar a Jesús por su bien supremo incluso si mis circunstancias actuales no cambian (es decir, las serpientes no desaparecen).
Creo que debo hacer que las serpientes desaparezcan, pero lo que realmente necesito es salvarme del veneno.
- Mostrar a otros cómo mirar a Jesús.

My Beautifully Flawed Journey

“My Salvation in the Journey” – Numbers 21:4-9

October 2, 2022

MY BEAUTIFULLY FLAWED JOURNEY			
<i>A Study of the Book of Numbers</i>			
Date	Message Title	Main Bible Story	Numbers
Aug 21	My Beautifully Flawed Journey	The Pillar of Cloud and Fire	9:15-10:10
Aug 28	My Promises in the Journey	The Nazarite Vow	6:1-27
Sept 4	My Complaints in the Journey	The Murmuring of God's People	11:1-12:16
Sept 11	My Failures in the Journey	The Twelve Spies	13:1-14:45
Sept 18	My Rebellion in the Journey	Korah's Rebellion	16:1-17:3
Sept 25	My Anger in the Journey	Moses Hits the Rock	20:1-13
Oct 2	My Salvation in the Journey	The Bronze Serpent	21:4-9
Oct 9	My Temptations in the Journey	Balaam's Donkey	22:1-25:18
Oct 16	The Next Generation's Journey	Moses Commissions Joshua	27:12-23
Oct 23	The Church Has Left the Building WhatsGrace.org/chlb22		
Calling all artists: Please submit your “My Beautifully Flawed Journey” artwork at Ministry Center receptionist desk (Mon-Thurs 8am-5pm; Sun 10:30am) by Sunday, Oct 2			

Two Exhortations from the Wilderness (Numbers 21:4-9)

1. Stop _____ – it is sin and will be judged (vv.4-6)

- This is the 12th time that the Israelites have complained. We could rename this book “The Book of Complaints”!

ISRAEL'S COMPLAINTS IN THE WILDERNESS		
Complaint	God's Response	Text
Pharaoh's army	Parted Red Sea; drown Egyptians	Ex 14:1-31
Bitter wáter	Made wáter drinkable	Ex 15:22-27
Lack of food	Sent manna from heaven	Ex 16:1-36
Lack of wáter	Supplied wáter from rock	Ex 17:1-7
Hardships of desert	Consumed part of camp by fire	Num 11:1-3
Lack of meat	Sent quail and plague	Num 11:4-35
Miriam/Aaron against Moses	Miriam gets leprosy	Num 12:1-16
Giants in the land	Make wander for 40 years	Num 14:1-35
Moses/Aaron leadership	Ground/fire swallow Korah+	Num 16:1-35
“You killed Korah+!”	Sent plague	Num 16:41-50
Lack of water	Water from rock; Moses disciplined	Num 20:1-13
Hardships of desert	Sent poisonous snakes	Num 21:4-9

- **Philippians 2:14-15** (NIV) – *Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe.*
- Application – In order to complain less, Lord please help me to...
 - Practice gratefulness
 - Quit trying to go back to Egypt and, instead, live in the present enjoying what God has provided
 - Quit complaining about my leaders and, instead, support them

- The consequence and judgment of the Israelites' sin this time was God sending "fiery serpents" (venomous snakes with a burning, lethal bite).
- Warren Wiersbe: "Fiery' doesn't describe the appearance of the serpents but the inflammation and pain caused by their venom. Those bitten died quickly, and apparently their death wasn't an easy one. The wages of sin is still death."

2. _____ and receive God's mercy from God's judgment (vv.7-9)

- Kudos that the Israelites recognized their sin and repented – expressed godly sorrow with an intent to change (v.7a).
- Their prayer was for God to remove the snakes (v.7b). God answered their prayer with salvation but not in the exact manner that they asked for. Instead of removing the snakes, God provided a saving remedy through a bronze serpent on a pole.
- Question: Is God still good if He doesn't remove the snakes?
- Question: Why a bronze serpent? Why not a bronze lamb or a bronze dove? Why a bronze serpent on a pole?
- John Piper: "The serpent on the pole is not preventative. It is for bitten people. The poison is in them, and without divine intervention they will die. The snakes in the camp are from the Lord. He sent them. The wrath of God is on this people for their sin of ingratitude and murmuring and rebellion. The means God chooses to rescue the people from His own curse is a picture of the curse itself. All they have to do in order to be saved from God's wrath is look at His provision hanging on a pole."
- **Galatians 3:13** – *Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree."*
- **2 Corinthians 5:21** – *God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.*

Three Powerful Insights About One of the Most Popular Scriptures in the Whole Bible (John 3:1-16)

1. Nicodemus could not understand what Jesus was sharing with him because Nicodemus had not been

(vv.3,9-12)

- **1 Corinthians 2:13-15** (NLT) – *When we tell you these things, we do not use words that come from human wisdom. Instead, we speak words given to us by the Spirit, using the Spirit's words to explain spiritual truths. But people who aren't spiritual can't receive these truths from God's Spirit. It all sounds foolish to them and they can't understand it, for only those who are spiritual can understand what the Spirit means.*

- You cannot understand spiritual truths unless you are born again.

2. Jesus used a Scripture that Nicodemus had memorized to explain to him _____ and _____ to be born again and saved (vv.14-16)

- Why must you be born again? Because you have sinned and been bitten by the snake. You have the poison of sin inside of you.
- How are you born again? By looking to the Cursed One hanging on a pole. By believing in the Son of Man (Jesus) who was cursed in your place – in your stead, as your substitute – by hanging on the cross for all of your sin. Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree.

3. “Believe” means to “_____” (vv.14-15)

- **Numbers 21:9** – *And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.*
- **Isaiah 45:22** (NKJV) – *Look to Me, and be saved, all you ends of the earth!*

My Big Application Today – Today, I choose to...

- Look to Jesus for salvation from all of my sins and the resulting judgment of death (separation from God).

Lord Jesus, I look to You. I am sorry for my sins, and I repent. Jesus, I look to You in faith and receive what You did for me on the cross becoming a curse for me. Thank You. I receive Your salvation remedy for all of the poison in my life. I receive forgiveness of my sins and Your free gift of eternal life. Please birth me again. I look to You.

- Tell everyone that I am looking to Jesus by getting water baptized.
- Look to Jesus to give me victory and power over my sin habits and addictions and bad practices.
- Look to Jesus to touch and help my marriage.
- Look to Jesus to touch and help my parenting.
- Look to Jesus to touch and help my children.
- Look to Jesus to touch and help my singleness.
- Look to Jesus to touch and help my finances.
- Look to Jesus to touch and help my health.
- Look to Jesus to touch and help my job and workplace.
- Look to Jesus to...

- Look to Jesus for His ultimate good even if my present circumstances don't change (i.e., the snakes don't go away). I think I must have the snakes go away, but what I really need is salvation from the poison.
- Show others how to look to Jesus.

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