

In the Wilderness: The Book of Numbers

God the Rescuer: Introduction to Numbers (Part 1) - Genesis-Exodus

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Children's Sermon

God is Worth Having! (Every Sin Denies This)

Romans 5:8

...God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

This Life is to Give Sinners a Chance to Find God / Jesus

Follow-up...

Acts 17:26–27

[God] made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods (Times) and the boundaries (Places) of their dwelling place,²⁷ *that they should seek God*, and perhaps feel their way toward him *and find him*. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us...

Such is a picture of our condition in this life of mortality. We have wandered far from God; and if we wish to return to our Father's home, this world must be used, not enjoyed, that so the invisible things of God may be clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made (Cf. Romans 1:20),—that is, that by means of what is material and temporary we may lay hold upon that which is spiritual and eternal.¹

¹ Augustine of Hippo. (1887). On Christian Doctrine. In P. Schaff (Ed.), J. F. Shaw (Trans.), *St. Augustin's City of God and Christian Doctrine* (Vol. 2, p. 523). Buffalo, NY: Christian Literature Company.

A God Who Rescues: An Introduction to the Book of Numbers (Part 1)

BIG PICTURE

JOHN 5:46

IF YOU BELIEVED MOSES, YOU WOULD BELIEVE ME; FOR HE WROTE OF ME.

GENESIS: A GOD WHO CREATES, JUDGES & PROMISES

EXODUS: A GOD WHO RESCUES... HIS PEOPLE

LEVITICUS: A GOD WHO PROVIDES A WAY TO DRAW NEAR TO HIM

NUMBERS: A GOD WHO PREPARES US FOR THE BATTLE TO ENTER THE PROMISED LAND

Genesis: A God Who Creates, Judges & Promises

1. **Where Did We Come From?** (God, Man, Deliverance & Promise)
2. **What Will God Do About Sin?** (God, Noah... Flood & Deliverance)
3. **Where Did Israel Come From?** (God, Abraham, Isaac & Jacob)

Genesis 12:1–3

¹ Now *the Lord said to Abram*, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ² And I will make of you a great nation, and *I will bless you* and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ *I will bless those who bless you*, and *him who dishonors you I will curse*, and *in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.*”

Ephesians 2:11–19

...remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh... were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and **without God in the world.** ¹³ **But now** in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he himself is our peace,

who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility... ¹⁷ And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹ **So then** *you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God...*

Exodus: A God Who Rescues, Rules & Resides with His People

Exodus 2:23–25

...the people of Israel groaned because of their slavery and cried out for help. Their cry for rescue from slavery came up to God. ²⁴ And God heard their groaning, and **God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.** ²⁵ God saw the people of Israel—and God knew.

Exodus 1:1–22 – From Joseph to Moses

Exodus 2:1–25 – Moses' 1st 80 years.

Exodus 3–19 – From Egypt to Mount Sinai

1 Year!

Exodus 20–24 – 10 Commandments... other Laws

Exodus 32:1–40:38 – Tabernacle (Golden Calf)

Leviticus & Numbers 10 ↓

What Do We Learn from All This?

God Rescues... (Christ for Us) God Rules... God Resides...

Why Did God Rescue Us? (God's Love & Faithfulness)

Deuteronomy 7:7–9a

...the Lord set his love on you and chose you, ...**because the Lord loves you** and **is keeping the oath** that he swore to your fathers, that the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹ **Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love ...**

Titus 3:5–7

⁵ *[Jesus] saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy*, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ so that *being justified by his grace* we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Because of His Great Love God Provided...

...a Deliverer... (Moses...Jesus; Deut. 18:15)

...a Substitute... (Passover Lamb...Jesus)

God's Goodness is Just & Merciful! (Amazing Love! Not Sentimental Love)

Deuteronomy 7:9–11

⁹ *Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations, ¹⁰ and repays to their face those who hate him*, by destroying them. He will not be slack with one who hates him. He will repay him to his face. ¹¹ *You shall therefore be careful to do the commandment and the statutes and the rules that I command you today.*

In what way do we hate God?

How can we stop?

Key Idea:

Jesus' love pays for our sins and gives us power to turn from them.

God Rules (Christ's Love in Us)

God Did Not Rescue Us So We Could Keep Hating Him

Exodus 19:4–6a (Cf. 1 Peter 2:9)

⁴ You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵ Now therefore, ***if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant***, you shall be ***my treasured possession among all peoples***, for all the earth is mine; ⁶ and you shall be to me a ***kingdom of priests and a holy nation***. ...

Luke 6:46 (Matthew 7:21–23)

“Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do what I tell you?”

Titus 2:11–15

¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, ¹² training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, ¹³ *waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ*, ¹⁴ ***who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works***. ¹⁵ Declare these things; exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no one disregard you.

God's Resides (Christ Living with Us) - The Tabernacle

John 1:14 (HCSB)

The Word became flesh and ***took up residence among us***. We observed His glory, the glory as the One and Only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

1 Peter 2:4–5

⁴ As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵ ***you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house***, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Key Point:

God shows us His amazing love by sending Jesus to pay what we owe, by changing us from rebels to obedient sons, and by making himself available to the whole world through His church.

Jesus' love is for us, in us and offered through us!