

In the Wilderness: The Book of Numbers

[#43] (Numbers 26–36) *A Heart Turned Towards the Inheritance: Part 13, Trust & Obey the One True God!* – Numbers 33

Sermon Outline – May 8, 2016

Children's Sermon: What Does God Have Planned for Us?

Titus 2:11–14 (HCSB)

¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared with salvation for all people, ¹² instructing us to deny godlessness and worldly lusts and **to live in a sensible, righteous, and godly way in the present age**, ¹³ while we wait for **the blessed hope and appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ**. ¹⁴ **He gave Himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for Himself a people for His own possession**, eager to do good works.

Notes:

Today's Main Idea

Yahweh has led Israel out of slavery, through the wilderness for 40 years to the brink of the promised land. They are called to move forward with trust and obedience.

Wilderness Travels Reviewed

Why Review these "Stages"

- To be Reminded of God's Faithfulness (Iain Duguid)
 - 1) In the Joyful Victories (Egypt, Red Sea, King of Arad - 21)
 - 2) In the Painful Failures (Marah...)
 - 3) In the Ordinary
- To Understand How Far they had Come (42 Stages)

How many 7's can go into 42?

Instructions for Occupying Canaan

Drive The Idolaters Out

Receive the Land You are Given (Cf. Proverbs 16:33)

A Warning...

⁵⁵ **But if you do not drive out the inhabitants** of the land from before you, then those of them whom you let remain shall **be as barbs in your eyes and thorns in your sides**, and they shall trouble you in the land where you dwell. ⁵⁶ **And I will do to you as I thought to do to them.**"

What Should We Learn?

Today's Main Idea

Yahweh has led us out of slavery bringing us through the wilderness of our journey to this point. Let us grasp our promised inheritance with trust and obedience!

What slavery has God rescued all of us from?

Should We Look Back? (Cf. Phil. 3:13)

Remember the Life and Death of Jesus Often

2 Corinthians 5:14–15

¹⁴ For the *love of Christ controls us*, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; ¹⁵ and *he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.*

What other great works of Jesus should we think about all the time?

Remember God's Personal Guidance

Proverbs 16:9

The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps.

Acts 17:26–27 (HCSB)

²⁶ From one man He has made every nationality to live over the whole earth and has *determined their appointed times and the boundaries of where they live.* ²⁷ He did this so they might seek God, and perhaps they might reach out and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us. (Cf. Matthew 10:29–30 – “sparrows” & “hair”)

In Order to Strive for the Future Promises...

Romans 13:11–12

¹¹ Besides this you know the time, that *the hour has come for you to wake from sleep.* For *salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed.* ¹² *The night is far gone; the day is at hand.* **So then** let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

What are some of these future promises?

A Key Point

As we pursue entrance into our eternal “promised land”, idolatry is our most dangerous obstacle.

Make No Compromises with Idolatry/Idolaters

Strive to Enter Our Promised Rest (Jesus/Joshua)

Hebrews 4:11–13

¹¹ Let us therefore *strive to enter that rest*, so that no one may *fall by the same sort of disobedience.* ¹² For the word of God is living and active, *sharper than any two-edged sword*, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and *discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.* ¹³ And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of *him to whom we must give account.*

Colossians 3:5

Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and *covetousness, which is idolatry.*

Matthew 5:27–29

²⁷ “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’” ²⁸ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹ **If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away.** For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. ... (hand)

A Pure Local Church Membership Matters

1 Corinthians 5:11–13

¹¹ But now I am writing to you not to associate with anyone who *bears the name of brother* if he is guilty of sexual immorality or greed, or is an *idolater*, reviler, drunkard, or swindler—*not even to eat with such a one.*

¹² For what have I to do with judging outsiders? **Is it not those inside the church whom you are to judge?** ¹³ God judges those outside. **“Purge the evil person from among you.”** [Cf. Deut. 13:5; 17:7, 12; 21:21; 22:21, 22, 24]

A Key Point

Heed God's warnings, we are not smarter than him!

Why This Matters

What does it mean to, “conquer” in **Revelation 2:8–11 & Revelation 3:7–13?**

Today's Main Idea

We should look back to take note of God's rescue, guidance & help in the past so that we can move forward, finishing well, conquering with persevering faith & love.