

Wednesday, 10/8

Read: Numbers 10:33-36; Psalm 68:1-18

Ask yourself or one another: What does it mean for God to arise? How does this image of God as Warrior King affect you? Why?

Pray: “Rise up, O Lord! May Your enemies be scattered; may Your foes flee before You. Work in us we pray to recognize Your presence and to flock to Your banner in battle. Help us to see the reality of the spiritual warfare in which we are engaged and to meet it in Your strength. Return, O Lord, to the countless thousands of Israel [Your people]. Teach us to rest in You and to delight in Your presence.”

Thursday, 10/9

Read: Numbers 10:33-36; Psalm 68:19-31

Ask yourself or one another: What is the procession of God? How are you (we) living as members in God’s holy army?

Sing: *The Doxology*

Pray: Ask God to prepare us for battle and to continue to go with us as He has promised. Confess your own cowardice and ask Him to give us boldness in the battle ahead.

Friday, 10/10

Read: Numbers 10:33-36; Psalm 68:32-35

Ask yourself or one another: How is our thinking about the nations colored by our nationalism? How is that good? How is it bad? How do we think, speak, and act truthfully in this regard?

Review the names of the sons of Israel.

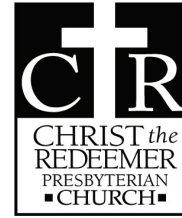
Pray: Confess your lack of faith in His promised presence with us. Ask Him to work in us as a community of faith to trust His Word.

Read: Numbers 11:1-12:16 *in preparation for gathered worship*

Sing: *The Doxology*

Pray: “Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. We are consumed by your anger and terrified by your indignation. You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence. All our days pass away under your wrath; we finish our years with a moan. The length of our days is seventy years--or eighty, if we have the strength; yet their span is but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away.
“Relent, O LORD! How long will it be? Have compassion on your servants. Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days. Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, for as many years as we have seen trouble. May your deeds be shown to your servants, your splendor to their children. May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us; establish the work of our hands for us-- yes, establish the work of our hands.” (Ps 90)

Saturday, 10/11



FINDING A PLACE TO REST

Sermon Notes from 10/5/08

Numbers 10:11-36

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Book Overview

Numbers/Into the Wilderness: God has prepared the Promised Land for Israel as an inheritance where they are to dwell together with Him in their midst enjoying unprecedented intimacy and delight. While the first generation brought up out of Egypt failed to trust Him and so died in the wilderness, they are to press on in faith and obey His Word in every regard so they will live in His blessing.

Principles for Possession and Enjoyment of the Land

1. Perfect obedience is necessary for life and blessing
2. The Lord organizes His army for the possession of her inheritance.
3. It is impossible for fallen people to walk with the righteous God.
4. God Himself prepares His people to receive His inheritance.

Section Outline

The third section of the book includes chapters nine and ten:

9:1-10:36	God-ordered living as a community (Waiting on the Lord)
9:1-14	Instructions for Passover (8)
9:15-23	Camping and Setting out on His command (23)
10:1-10	Convening and departing at trumpet blast(s)
10:11-28	Setting out in battle order
10:29-32	Blessing others—Moses invites Hobab and Midianites
10:33-36	Calling upon the name of the Lord

Text

¹¹ On the twentieth day of the second month of the second year, the cloud lifted from above the tabernacle of the Testimony. ¹² Then the Israelites set out from the Desert of Sinai and traveled from place to place until the cloud came to rest in the Desert of Paran. ¹³ They set out, this first time, at the LORD's command through Moses. ¹⁴ The divisions of the camp of Judah went first, under their standard. Nahshon son of Amminadab was in command. ¹⁵ Nethanel son of Zuar was over the division of the tribe of Issachar, ¹⁶ and Eliab son of Helon was over the division of the tribe of Zebulun. ¹⁷ Then the tabernacle was taken down, and the Gershonites and Merarites, who carried it, set out. ¹⁸ The divisions of the camp of Reuben went next, under their standard. Elizur son of Shedeur was in command. ¹⁹ Shelumiel son of Zurishaddai was over the division of the tribe of Simeon, ²⁰ and Eliasaph son of Deuel was over the division of the tribe of Gad. ²¹ Then the Kohathites set out, carrying the holy things. The tabernacle was to be set up before they arrived. ²² The divisions of the camp of Ephraim went next, under their standard. Elishama son of Ammihud was in command. ²³ Gamaliel son of Pedahzur was over the division of the tribe of Manasseh, ²⁴ and Abidan son of Gideon was over the division of the tribe of Benjamin. ²⁵ Finally, as the rear guard for all the units, the divisions of the camp of Dan set out, under their standard. Ahiezer son of Ammishaddai was in command. ²⁶ Pagiel son of Ocran was over the division of the tribe of Asher, ²⁷ and

Ahira son of Enan was over the division of the tribe of Naphtali. ²⁸This was the order of march for the Israelite divisions as they set out.

²⁹Now Moses said to Hobab son of Reuel the Midianite, Moses' father-in-law, "We are setting out for the place about which the LORD said, 'I will give it to you.' Come with us and we will treat you well, for the LORD has promised good things to Israel." ³⁰He answered, "No, I will not go; I am going back to my own land and my own people." ³¹But Moses said, "Please do not leave us. You know where we should camp in the desert, and you can be our eyes. ³²If you come with us, we will share with you whatever good things the LORD gives us."

³³So they set out from the mountain of the LORD and traveled for three days. The ark of the covenant of the LORD went before them during those three days to find them a place to rest. ³⁴The cloud of the LORD was over them by day when they set out from the camp.

³⁵Whenever the ark set out, Moses said,
**"Rise up, O LORD! May Your enemies be scattered;
 may Your foes flee before You."**

³⁶Whenever it came to rest, he said,
"Return, O LORD, to the countless thousands of Israel."

FINDING A PLACE TO REST

- I. **The King's Army Begins Its March.**
- II. **The Lord Has Promised Good Things to Israel.**
- III. **The King Will Find Israel Rest.**

Please ask the Holy Spirit to guide you as you think and pray through the following questions:

Why is God so picky? How does He arrange His army? Why?
 What are the good things God has promised Israel? Only them?
 How does the King find rest for His people? How do we seek it?

Taking Gathered Worship Home

Will you join me in reading and studying Numbers together? Each week we will have a set of passages to read to help us work together in reading through this whole book and digging into what it means and how we are to apply it in our lives individually, as families, and as a congregation. Let's wade into the Wilderness together.

Read: Numbers 10:11-36

Ask yourself or one another: What were the main points of the sermon? How do they apply to us as a congregation? How do they apply to me? What am I going to do about it? How does the gospel of Christ empower me (us) to do so? Review Application.

Sing: *The Doxology* (words in *Order of Worship*)

Pray: "God of all creation, You have indeed promised good concerning Israel and we praise You. Forgive us for our disbelief in Your promises. Turn us from our wayward paths and lead us in life together with You. Rise up, O Lord and lead us as Your army. Rise up, O Lord and vanquish Your enemies in Christ, amen."

Read: Numbers 10:29-32; Genesis 12:1-8

Meditate on the vastness of God's promises (v. 3)
 Why is it so hard for us to believe God at His Word?

Ask yourself or one another: What is the only alternative to God's blessing? From what has He delivered us? Who are those God has given you as friends to bless?

Pray: Ask God to graciously work in your co-workers, friends, and family. Ask Him to be merciful to the people of Portland.

Read: Numbers 10:29-32; Deuteronomy 30:5-20

Ask yourself or one another: How do you respond when folks decline your invitation for them to trust Christ? How does Moses' response guide us? How does the certainty of the gospel help us?

Sing: *The Doxology*

Pray: "Lord, give us boldness to speak the truth in love. Forgive us our lack of love for our neighbor. Renew us in Your love, we pray and give us eyes with which to see the world around us as You see it. Make us a blessing to others we pray."