

Thursday, 11/6

**Read:** Numbers 19:21-22; Second Timothy 1:3-12; Romans 11:22

**Ask yourself or one another:** Timothy is a child of the covenant. How does Paul exhort him in similar ways as Moses does in Numbers?

**Memorize/Meditate** on Romans 11:22 “Consider therefore the kindness and sternness of God: sternness to those who fell, but kindness to you, provided that you continue in his kindness. Otherwise, you also will be cut off.”

**Pray:** Ask God to teach us what it means to be His people.

**Read:** Numbers 19:17-20; Romans 11:22

**Ask yourself or one another:** How is God both kind and stern? How do we think rightly about Him when He is so different from us?

**Review memorizing** Romans 11:22.

**Pray:** Praise God for specific ways that He has shown Himself to be holy and loving. Ask Him to be at work in us demonstrating His character through us to the world around us.

**Read:** Numbers 20:1-13 *in preparation for gathered worship*

**Sing:** *Be Merciful to Me*

**Pray:** “LORD, O LORD, we have sinned like our fathers. We have committed iniquity, we have behaved wickedly. We, like they, quickly forget Your works and proceeded foolishly without awaiting Your counsel. We have craved what we do not need, indeed things disastrous for us, but we have longed after them while neglecting what You have graciously provided for us.

“Lord, we have sinned like our fathers. We have despised Your blessings, even Christ Himself as we have failed to believe You at Your word and not listened to Your voice.

“Save us, O LORD! That we might give You thanks and praise Your holy name. Blessed be the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. And let all the people say, ‘Amen.’ Praise the Lord!” (Ps 106)

### Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior’s name!  
He has hushed the law’s loud thunder, he has quenched Mount Sinai’s flame:  
He has washed us with his blood, he has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us, pitied us when enemies,  
Called us by his grace, and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes:  
He has washed us wit his blood, he presents our souls to God.

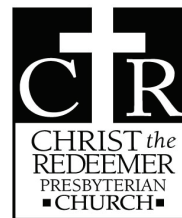
Let us sing, though fierce temptation threaten hard to bear us down!  
For the Lord, our strong salvation, holds in view the conqueror’s crown:  
He who washed us with his blood soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder; grace and justice join and point to mercy’s store;  
When through grace in Christ our trust is, justice smiles and asks no more:  
He who washed us with his blood has secured our way to God.

Let us praise, and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high;  
Here they trusted him before us, now their praises fill the sky:  
“you have washed us with your blood; you are worthy, Lamb of God!”

Friday, 11/7

Saturday, 11/8



# DEATH’S STINKING SHADOW

Sermon Notes from 11/2/08

## Numbers 19:1-9; 17-20

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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.

Section Outline

1-10 Proper Ordering of the Camp. *“Just as the Lord commanded Moses, so they did.”*

11-25 The Impossibility of Walking Together with the Holy One of Israel.

11-12 Failure foreshadowed

13-14 Failure secured

15-19 Turning away God’s wrath – the Aaronic Priesthood

15:1-41 Hope revisited—Need for Atonement

16:1-35 Open Rebellion—Korah and followers swallowed alive

16:36-40 Holy censers of dead hammered into altar plating as reminder

16:41-50 Plague checked by Aaron’s intercession

17:1-11 Aaron’s rod blossoms as sign of God’s authorization.

17:12-13 A Glimpse of Repentance

18:1-20 The unique calling of the Levites

18: 25-32 The tithes of the tithes

19:1-22 The Red Heifer Sacrifice—Water of Purification

Text

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Moses and Aaron: <sup>2</sup>“This is a requirement of the law that the LORD has commanded: Tell the Israelites to bring you a red heifer without defect or blemish and that has never been under a yoke. <sup>3</sup>Give it to Eleazar the priest; it is to be taken outside the camp and slaughtered in his presence. <sup>4</sup>Then Eleazar the priest is to take some of its blood on his finger and sprinkle it seven times toward the front of the Tent of Meeting. <sup>5</sup>While he watches, the heifer is to be burned—its hide, flesh, blood and offal. <sup>6</sup>The priest is to take some cedar wood, hyssop and scarlet wool and throw them onto the burning heifer. <sup>7</sup>After that, the priest must wash his clothes and bathe himself with water. He may then come into the camp, but he will be ceremonially unclean till evening. <sup>8</sup>The man who burns it must also wash his clothes and bathe with water, and he too will be unclean till evening.

<sup>9</sup>“A man who is clean shall gather up the ashes of the heifer and put them in a ceremonially clean place outside the camp. They shall be kept by the Israelite community for use in the water of cleansing; it is for purification from sin.

<sup>17</sup>“For the unclean person, put some ashes from the burned purification offering into a jar and pour fresh water over them. <sup>18</sup>Then a man who is ceremonially clean is to take some hyssop, dip it in the water and sprinkle the tent and all the furnishings and the people who were there. He must also

sprinkle anyone who has touched a human bone or a grave or someone who has been killed or someone who has died a natural death. <sup>19</sup>The man who is clean is to sprinkle the unclean person on the third and seventh days, and on the seventh day he is to purify him. The person being cleansed must wash his clothes and bathe with water, and that evening he will be clean. <sup>20</sup>But if a person who is unclean does not purify himself, he must be cut off from the community, because he has defiled the sanctuary of the LORD. The water of cleansing has not been sprinkled on him, and he is unclean.

## DEATH'S STINKING SHADOW

Sermon Notes

- I. **The Sin of One Affects the Whole.**
  
- II. **Spiritual Contamination Brings Death.**
  
- III. **Slaughtered at a Distance to Bring Us Near**

*Please seek the Holy Spirit's guidance as you answer the following:*

- How does this passage help us see spiritual reality? Why?  
 What aspects of spiritual contamination do you tend to minimize? How?  
 How does Christ's death outside of Jerusalem affect (y)our spiritual reality?

## 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 19:1-22; Psalm 106

**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:** *Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder* (words on back)

**Pray:** "Lord God, You are just and right in all Your ways. The punishment You decree for rebellion against You is fair and fitting even if we cannot see it. Help us to see You as You truly are and to give You all the worship and praise Your holy name is due."

Sunday, 11/2

**Read:** Numbers 19:1-9; Acts 3:12-26; Romans 11:22

**Meditate on the kindness and severity of God**

**Ask yourself or one another:** Peter here recounts God's work of salvation from Abraham to Jesus. How is the disowning of Jesus (v. 14) connected with the cutting off (v. 23) from God's people? How is that related to the purification of His people in Numbers?

**Pray:** Ask God to reveal His goodness in and through you in all the relationships you have at home, work, school, etc..

Monday, 11/3

**Read:** Numbers 19:10-16; Romans 9:1-8; Romans 11:22

**Ask yourself or one another:** Was God just in judging these? Do we deserve God's wrath apart from His grace? How do we see the continuation of God's judgment with Ananias and Sapphira?

**Sing:** *Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder*

**Pray:** Use the prayer from Saturday and personalize it.

Tuesday, 11/4

**Read:** Numbers 19:17-20; Romans 11:1-24

**Ask yourself or one another:** Do you tend towards conceit or timidity? Do you see how faith is the corrective for either one?

**Pray:** "Forgive us, Lord, for our conceit/timidity. Thank you for Your promises and how by Your grace we can avoid either thinking too highly of ourselves or too low. Thank You for making us new in Christ's work and renewing the beauty for which You made us. Teach us to trust in You and not to continue in our unbelief."

Wednesday, 11/5