

Pentateuch Overview: Numbers

[#15] Healing the Deaf & Blind in the Wilderness – Numbers 15-25

Sermon Outline – July 2, 2017

Children's Sermon: Understanding & Believing

If the fire alarm goes off, what is everyone supposed to do?

What would happen if the alarm went off right now?

How about if, at the same time, we saw smoke?

Mark 8:22–26 (Jesus Heals a blind man)

“I see people, but they look like trees, walking.”

How can you tell if you are really a Christian?

Mack Stiles: “The most important check is threefold: a good understanding of the gospel, a changed life, and a long-term walk with Christ.”ⁱ

Romans 3:10–18 (Cf. Romans 1:18)

¹⁰ as it is written: “None is righteous, no, not one; ¹¹ *no one understands; no one seeks for God.* ¹² All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.”... ¹⁸ “*There is no fear of God before their eyes.*”

Notes:

The Leaven of the Pharisees and Herod (Mark 8:14–21)

Peter Sees... & doesn't See Jesus (Mark 8:27–33)

Take Up Your Cross... (Mark 8:34–38)

The Problem with Our Fallen Race:

- We don't believe God (we don't listen)
- We don't trust God (we don't obey)
- We don't love God (we are not motivated)

Consider the Disciples before & after Pentecost

Numbers:

Prepared for God's Army in the Wilderness

Numbers 15:39–41

³⁹ And it shall be a tassel for you to look at and remember all the commandments of the Lord, to do them, *not to follow after your own heart and your own eyes*, which you are inclined to whore after. ⁴⁰ *So you shall*

remember and do all my commandments, and be holy to your God. ⁴¹ I am the Lord your God...”

Today's Clear Biblical Bullet...

Israel is as blind and deaf to God as the other nations but God uses the wilderness to rehabilitate them.



Forty Years in the Wilderness (15-25)

- A. Consider the Compassion & Severity of the LORD (15:1–41)
1. Laws About Unintentional Sins

Numbers 15:1–2

¹ The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, ² “Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, *When you come into the land you are to inhabit*, which I am giving you...

2. A Sabbath-breaker Executed
3. Tassels to remember (above)

- B. The Southside Rebellion, God's Chosen Leaders Confirmed (16–17)

1. Korah & the 250 Chiefs Rebel against Moses & Aaron (Cf. 1 Cor. 7:17–24)

Numbers 16:3, 13

³ They assembled themselves together **against Moses and against Aaron** and said to them, “You have gone too far! For *all in the congregation are holy*, every one of them, and the Lord is among them. *Why then do you exalt yourselves above the assembly of the Lord?*”

¹³ Is it a small thing that **you** have brought us up *out of a land flowing with milk and honey*, to kill us in the wilderness, that you must also make yourself a prince over us?

- a. Earth swallows the rebellious chiefs
 - b. Fire consumes the rebellious Levites
2. Israel Grumbles about the LORD's Judgment

Numbers 16:48–49

⁴⁸ And [Aaron] stood between the dead and the living, and the plague was stopped. ⁴⁹ Now those who died in the *plague* were 14,700, besides those who died in the affair of Korah.

3. The LORD Gives a Sign: Aaron's Staff Buds

- C. The Lord Provides Protection (18-19)

1. Priests & Levites to Guard the Tent & Protect the People
2. God Provides an Easier Sin Offering: The Waters for Impurity

Numbers 19:13 (Cf. v. 20)

Whoever touches a dead person, the body of anyone who has died, and does not cleanse himself, *defiles the tabernacle of the Lord*, and that person shall be cut off from Israel; because the water for impurity was not thrown on him, he shall be unclean. His uncleanness is still on him.

- D. From Kadesh to the Plains of Moab: Mercy & Deliverance (20:1–22:1)
 1. Beginning of the End of the Wandering: Justice & Mercy (20)
 - a. The Death of Miriam (20:1)
 - b. **The Waters of Meribah (20:2-13)**
 - c. The Death of Aaron (20:22-29)
 2. The Lord Defeats Enemies Without & Within: A Call to Faith (21)
 - a. Arad Destroyed (Southern Canaanites)
 - b. Edom Refuses Passage (Esau)
 - b. **The Bronze Serpent**

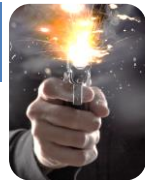
Numbers 21:5

And the people spoke *against God and against Moses*, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.”

- c. Kings Sihon & Og Defeated
- E. The LORD Protects Israel from Moab and Midian (Lot) (22:2–25:18)
 1. **God Can Speak Through a Donkey: Balaam’s Oracles (22:2–24:25)**
 2. Israel Seduced by Moab (25:1–18)
 - a. Baal Worship at Peor & the Consequences (1-9)
 - b. Phinehas Commended for being Jealous for his God (10-13)
(24,000 died in the plague!)

Ask for the Holy Spirit

...Fired at our Life & Heart
Have you been born again?



The Holy Spirit is Promised in the New Covenant!

Acts 2:16–21, 38

¹⁶ But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ “ ‘And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that *I*

will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; ¹⁸ even on my male servants and female servants in those days *I will pour out my Spirit*, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; ²⁰ the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. ²¹ ***And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.***⁷

³⁸ And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and *you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.*”

Luke 11:9–13

⁹ And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹ What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; ¹² or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, ***how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!***”

Born Again, Spirit Filled Christians...

- Believe God’s Word (We look for truth in Him not ourselves)
- Trust & obey Jesus (Take up our cross...)
- Love Jesus (Joyfully trade everything we own...)

ⁱ Stiles, J. Mack (2014-04-16). Evangelism: How the Whole Church Speaks of Jesus (9marks: Building Healthy Churches) (p. 58). Crossway.