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THE EVER CONSISTENT INVITATION

Nu. 10:29-31

I. The Journey shortly begins.

A. Guiding cloud.

1. Keep eye on cloud for safety.

Nu. 10:9 *Been now disciplined & organized*

2. 19 days after census--the cloud is lifting--time to move. *20th day 25th day*

3. Short distance in miles but long in experience--Jensen. *Later more I Chron 15:24*

B. At the sound of the silver trumpets.

1. Today the word of God.

2. Priest sanctified--so are we as priests thus tell the sacred story.

3. Trumpets would encourage troops in battle. *Trumpets in King Tut's grave*

4. They'd sound in "day of gladness."

C. Each tribe in its place.

1. 3 under Judah's standard. *Is. 12:6*

2. Next Levites carrying framework of tabernacle.

3. Then Reuben, Simeon, Gad protecting the Levites with all the sacred furniture.

4. Now 6 tribes. *Eph. Monas. King / 1 Chron 15:24*

5. Finally camp followers & herds.

D. Ark in the van thus leading the way--

obviously it is the family of God.

1. Move them out.

2. We are journeying.

3. Destiny a great country--they knew where they were going.

4. Their very movement shows their faith in God!

II. In the Journey to the Promised Land I need to take some with me!

v-29 "Come thou with us."

A. Hobab invited.

1. Either father-in-law or brother-in-law.

a) Word for father-in-law is "circumcisor."

b) He did this for the young man just prior to his marriage.

c) If the father-in-law was dead, brother-in-law did the surgery.

d) Thus both words--"circumcisor."

2. Hobab=Jethro-Reuel same man.

3. Prince of a powerful clan.

4. A Kenite--lived in the very region where the tribes would go.

B. The invitation.

v-29 "Come thou with us & we will do"

1. Chief word to man everywhere--come.

2. God does not intend for his gifts to be exclusive--they are for all.

3. Anybody bound for the promised land should take someone with them.

4. If Hobab has seen all the miracles done so far he should be easy to convince.

5. We must never stop inviting.

Rev. 22:17 *The Spirit & the Bride say come*

6. Do Thee Good!

a) This is the essential spirit of every dispensation.

b) What benefits do we have in mind for others?

Turn back on Egypt to Canaan follow where Ark leads

Hezoth spirit wherever

The Blessing

word
Su the
unlike cancer
war
1350 die daily
500,000 per yr.
1 per min.
20% get
it
20% who
whedo
IP 11-3

To what are we inviting them?

- (1) Worship
- (2) Word
- (3) Truth
- (4) Christ
- (5) Heaven

Dear God

Wm Tyndale
W. L. ...

7. The Lord has spoken good things to Israel & we want to share it.

8. God blesses others because Christians are in their midst.

9. What's the appeal of our invitation today? Doing them good? Savior? Worthy goal? Progress (journeying)? fellowship? Service?

C. The Invitation is Refused.

1. We don't know how he answered after the next appeal.

2. If he failed to have a part it was not because:

- a) He was not invited.
- b) Moses personally did not express himself.
- c) Moses was not sincere.
- d) Invitation given earnestly. (Chappell)

D. It is Restated.

v-31 "Leave us not I pray thee forasmuch"

- 1. We need human knowledge + God's guidance
- 2. We need exercise of human judgement.
- 3. Cloud can give general direction--he can give specific information on various situations. Smokey story #14
- 4. Divine guidance and human reasoning do go together.

symbol
1. ...
2. ...
3. ...
4. ...
5. ...
6. ...

5. Moses has faith in God but needs a family man.
6. Cloud will guide but Hobab can find springs & pasture.
7. Cloud can't find pools of water in the shifting sands.
8. Note Moses is impressed with Hobab's knowledge.
9. Not asking you to show us where to camp but to show conveniences & inconveniences.
10. It's proper to make good use of our friends.
11. Great to help others see.

E. Did he accept?

1. Not told.
2. Seems he did.

Judges 1:16

children of the Kenites, Moses & went

4:11

Hobab cited

I Sam. 15:6

Gaul addresses Kenites

3. Face the fact that things of this world draw the strong from the unseen of the other world.

4. Question is: will you accept?

Northside, Terre Haute, IN - 8/21/89

Cave In Rock, IL - 8/28/89

College St., Waxahachie, TX - 9/20/89

Charlotte Ave., Nashville - 10/1/89

Quince Rd., Memphis, Tn - 10/15/89

Dalebrook Lane, Nashville, TN - 10/22/89

Hilldale church, Clarksville, TN - 10/29/89

Walnut Street, Dickson, TN - 11/26/89

Southwest - Pueblo, CO - 2/4/90

40th & Hazel, Pine Bluff, AR - 2/25/90

Duncan, OK (areawide) - 4/22/90

Cedar Grove church, Fairburn, GA - 6/24/90

Hilton Head, SC - 7/14/90

THE EVER CONSISTENT INVITATION

5.

Middleton. TN - 7/22/90

Pleasant Valley - Little Rock - 8/12/90
Oxon Hill. Temple Hills, MD - 8/20/90

Nashville Rd, Gallatin, TN - 8/26/90
King of Prussia, PA - 9/5/90

Tuscumbia, Alabama - 9/16/90

North End, Parkersburg, WV - 10/12/90

Fishinger-Kenny, Columbus, OH - 12/2/90

Beville Road - Daytona Beach, FL - 1/13/91

Palisades church, Birmingham, AL - 10/27/91

Norwich, KS - 11/10/91

Plainview, TX - 3/29/92

Woodbury, TN - 5/10/92

Central, Pascagoula, MS - 6/6/93

Rib-tickling letters from children to God have been collected by Michael Levine, author of The Address Book:

Dear God: I love to eat. Thanks for all the food. Pizza was the best idea you ever had! Ralph.

Are you in charge of babies? I have three sisters, which is good. But I would like to put in an order for a brother. I hope this special order won't upset you. Paul.

Dear God, old pal, How's it going, man? Can you fix it so my friends and me can stay out later in the summer. We are cool. Chris.

Dear God, Thank you for my parents, my sister Anita, and for my grandma and grandpa. They are all real warm and special. I forgive you for my brother Jeff. I guess you didn't finish working on him. Daniel.

Dear God, I saw the Grand Canyon last summer. Nice piece of work. Robert.

Dear God, My dad thinks he is you. Please straighten him out. Scott.

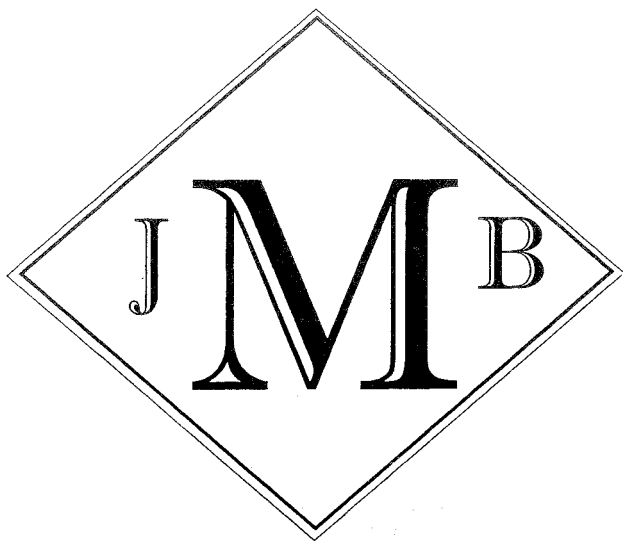
My sister Tina has a girlfriend named Wendy. It would take a miracle to shut Wendy up. Got any left? Samantha.

William Tyndale's prologue to the Epistle to the Romans ends with the following admonition:

'Now go to, reader, and according to the order of Paul's writing, even so do thou. First behold thyself diligently in the law of God, and see there thy just damnation. Secondly turn thine eyes to Christ, and see there the exceeding mercy of thy most kind and loving Father. Thirdly remember that Christ made not this atonement that thou shouldest anger God again: neither died he for thy sins, that thou shouldest live still in them: neither cleansed he thee, that thou shouldest return (as a swine) unto thine old puddle again: but that thou shouldest be a new creature and live a new life after the will of God and not of the flesh. And be diligent lest through thine own negligence and unthankfulness thou lose this favour and mercy again.'

F. F. Bruce

The Epistle of Paul to the Romans, pg. 284



PROBLEMS: PRESENTED, CONQUERED

Numbers 13

- I. If you were asked to name issues confronting us today, what would you name?
 - A. Faith in God, not in self?
 - B. Leadership?
 - C. Knowledge of Today?
 - D. Open Assessment of Problems?
 - E. Someone to cry "Sickem"?

II. If these measures distress you, they have been here before!

- A. Numbers 13 presents them.
- B. We want to see them & profit from a history lesson.
- C. It's the story of spying out Canaan.

III. Let's see the Problems & Solve Them.

- A. God commands the mission.

v-1 "And the Lord spake unto Moses"

1. Divine instructions.
2. Lord sent.
3. People wanted it.

Deut. 1:22

4. He has much to "give" us today.
Land of Promise.
 5. We have a mission to exercise.
 6. Are we people of trusting faith?
- B. Leadership
1. Send men, every tribe, a ruler.
 2. Task calls for quality.
 - a) 1 spy from each tribe.
 - b) 12 princes, leaders, rulers.
 - c) Not same as ones 1:5-16 & shows lots of able folk there.

- d) Chose best--but even they went wrong.
- e) Honest report desired.
- f) Trusted by peers.
- g) Studied choice.

3. Interesting Names

- a) 24--11 unknown, 9 elsewhere, 4 famous: Caleb, Joseph, Joshua, Nun.
- b) Shammau = heard
- c) Zaccur = mindful
- d) Shaphat = Judge
- e) Hori = cavern
- f) Caleb = Dog, *Bold, impetuous*
- g) Jephunneh = turned
- h) Igal = I will redeem
- i) Joseph = he adds
- j) Hoshea = Deliverance
- k) Nun = Fish
- l) Palti = God's deliverance
- m) Gaddid = God is my fortune
- n) Susi = Horseman
- o) Gemalli = camel owner
- p) Sethur = Hidden
- q) Vophsi = uncertain
- r) Geuel = majesty of God
- s) Machi = Reduced
- t) Ammiel = God is my kinsman
- u) Hoshea (help) became Jehoshua (God's help) & victory came

*6x "he
hath
faithfully
followed
the Lord"*

C. Knowledge of Opportunity & Opposition

1. All men got same instructions.
2. Survey whole area - (not part).
 - a) Barren - 13:32
 - b) Fertile - 27:31
3. See the people
 - a) Assess number
 - b) Populous or sparse
4. Land
 - a) Pastures
 - b) Woods - cut or standing
 - c) Good or bad
 - d) Fat or lean
 - e) Type air, soil, production
5. Cities
 - a) Tents or houses
 - b) Open or walled
 - c) Fortified
6. Then a good send-off--be of good courage, bring fruit (you will come back!), sent at right time.
 - a) Do your best
 - b) Count on you!
7. "And so they went"--rich experience ahead.
 - a) Sent quickest way.
 - b) Negel = South
 - c) At Hebron saw cave of Abraham's burial & surely reminded of the Promise.
 - d) When God makes the way of duty plain, pursue it!

- e) Anak impressed
 (1) Ahiman = a certain duty is my brother.
 (2) Anak = neck, son of neck, tall, giants.

8. Zoan

- a) 2,000 BC.
 b) Know little about tribes there.

9. Eshcol = cluster

- a) First grapes July-August.
 b) Heavy grapes - who would give it up easily?

D. Open Assessment of Problems.

1. There will be divergent thought.
2. There will be truth & error.
3. There will be faith & unbelief.
4. Flows with milk & honey.
5. People strong willed.
 - a) "Nevertheless," "yet"--felt they had no chance.
 - b) Saw difficulties--not divine aid.
 - d) Joint attractiveness & struggle. People are giants.
7. Land devours--doesn't produce sufficient to sustain--"won't work" spirit.

E. Someone to Cry Sickem.

1. Caleb--stilled the People.
 - a) All good men, rulers, reporting!
 - b) We today have testimony of good men.
 - c) These folks are only 1 step from home.

Giants & stones didn't bother him

*Power of
 Exemple:
 1 comparison
 24 do.*

d) Giants or bread!

14:24 "Bread for us"--eat 'em up!

*Not content
c avg. OR
common-place* e) Men saw same thing but put in
different light.

*To people of
world scare
us?* f) "Not so much what life brings to
us in her hands as what we bring
to life in our spirit makes the
difference between people."
(Fosdick)

g) We must be rooted & grounded in
God to have the right spirit.

h) Ill fares the land
To hastening ills a prey
Where wealth accumulates
And men decay.

i) Walk by faith--not sight.

j) He spoke with confidence.

k) Don't conqueror--possess--God
said it was ours--He'll be with
us. Difficulty vanished before
faith.

l) The rt. as bold as a lion.

m) Caleb might be more impartial
than Joshua who was Moses'
minister.

2. Go up at once--able!

Acts. 14:22

Heb. 3:13

Rom. 8:37

Phil. 2:13

Col. 1:27

IV. Unbelief Still With Us

A. We fail to take God at His Word.

Heb. 4:11

B. We trust self more than pillar of cloud to lead.

C. We ignore history.

Ps. 106:24

D. Giants (saw none later) but big men make better targets.

E. God pledges his strength.

Exo. 3:12

Deut. 33:25

1 Cor. 10:13

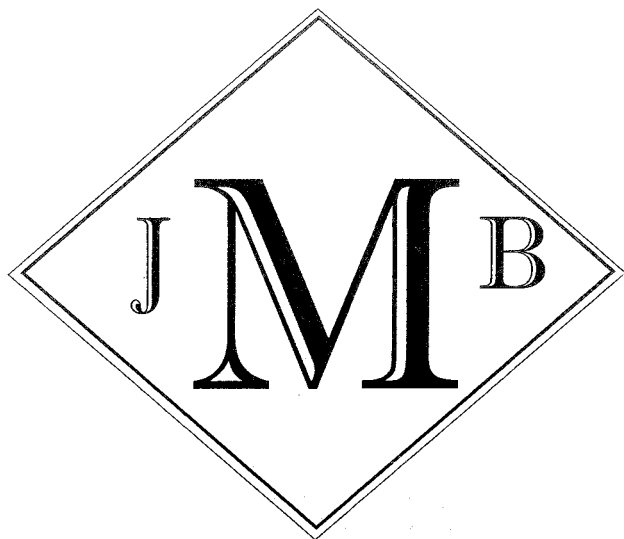
F. Unbelief is costly.

Nu. 4:28

Matt. 12:43

G. Punishment--not enter, God took them at their word.

Nu. 14:28



MAN WITH ANOTHER SPIRIT

Numbers 14:24

I. Call it what you will--spirit, morale, attitude--it is extremely important.

- A. Sports.
- B. Government - (Ben Franklin Clip).
- C. Religion.

Num. 14:24 "By my servant Caleb, because he had a

D. Would Holy Spirit favorably cite me?

- 1. Outlook on life.
- 2. Attitude toward trouble & trial. - 4 yr. scholarship vs. 1 yr. #2.
- 3. Belief in tomorrow - Pop Singer Clip #3.
- 4. Kilpatrick column #4.

II. Bible tells of man who had a different Spirit (ASV)

A. You recall his history.

- 1. Tribe of Judah.

Num. 13:6 - Judah - Caleb - Je/phun/neh.

a.) Representative of each tribe to be a spy.

b.) "Send thou men" "search" "ruler" - Nu. 13:
1-2.

c.) Name means Dog, Bold, Impetuous.

B. Brought back good but minority report.

1. Majority.

a.) Milk & honey.

b.) This is the fruit - (grape on a pole).

c.) Nevertheless - people strong, walled, very great, many nationalities, stronger than we, land eats up inhabitants, "and there we saw the giants." (Nu. 13) "Evil report" from word slander.

2. Caleb said otherwise.

Nu. 13:30 "And C. stilled. Let us go - once -
possess - we are well able."

a.) Courage.

b.) Vigor - Hurt in 1st round #5.

c.) Timeliness - Billion Card #6.

d.) Invincible.

Nu. 14:10 "But all the cong. bade stone them with st

e.) Stood his ground - giants & stones didn't stop
him.

f.) Giants in size & course nature - Zerr.

g.) Do people of world scare us & intimidate us.

h.) Note power of 2 examples of courage & 10 of
defeat.

III. Established a pattern.

A. Give me this mountain

Joshua 14:6-13 Read

1. Sperry article #7.

2. A cock #8.

Josh. 15:14 "Drove hence 3 sons of Anak, Sheshai, ar

B. Gave upper springs.

Judges 1:15 "And she said unto him, Give me a blessir

1. Cody Wyoming man #9.

2. Clip on age #10.

IV. Why a different Spirit?

A. Trust in the Lord (A on Violin) #11.

Josh. 14:14 "Hebron inheritance because he wholly
followed" - 6X says this some do not
follow fully.

Deut. 1:36 "Save Caleb - he shall see it."

Prov. 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all ...lean not...
acknowledge...paths straight."

B. Dared to be different.

Nu. 26:65 "Die in wilderness - not left a man.

C. Confidence in self.

Nu. 14:24 "Hath another spirit - followed me fully,

Nu. 13:30 "We shall surely overcome

1. Malik statement #12.

2. Ellinghaus Statement #13.

West End 11-6-83

St. Paul Church, Sheffield, Ala. 11-2-83

*Harpath Hill Church, Reorganizational Dinner of
Visitation Program 11-7-83*

. . . If you think she's old, consider this, in the past ten years she has ridden a donkey on the isle of Patmos, been on a camel on the Mt. of Olives, climbed to the top of Blarney Castle where she dangled upside down over the parapet to kiss the Blarney Stone, climbed the 500ft. waterfall at Jamaica, rode the Mississippi on the Delta Queen . . . A few days ago her son called for help. He was hanging wallpaper in the bathroom and couldn't do it alone. Mother to the rescue again. . . . When the youngest daughter married, Mrs. Acock decided to go to College. This was years ago when a "grandmother" in the classroom was unique. She didn't go for a degree - just because she enjoyed learning new things. In fact, she has continued to take a course or two at the college here quite regularly . . . She has been a pink lady at the hosp. for years. Loves the people she meets there and has the ability to bring a patient out of the doldrums and get him to eat his lunch when the nurses and his family may have failed to do so. She works at the blood bank and with the election people, counting ballots at our local elections. She visits the

nursing homes every week and finds time to visit church friends she had missed at church services. She has some friends she plays 84 with every week. Well, they call it 84. The rules they follow are a bit wild and a serious dominoes player would find their game a bit bazaar. . . She enjoys life to the fullest - really likes everyone she meets, and meets no strangers, young or old. In a laundromat in Abilene, struck up a conversation with a college boy. Discovered he was her own nephew from Maryland, attending ACU that year. She hadn't seen him since he was a little boy and didn't recognize the young man. She is proud of her family. When someone insisted she tell which of her grandchildren is her favorite she thought a long time, then seriously answered "Well I guess it must be the one who happens to be standing closest to me at the time." She says she hopes she dies before there is a divorce in her family or before any of her offspring cause shame to the family. Well, she's still with us and going strong. . . . A friend in Delaware took her up in his small plane, and when they landed

everyone helped move it into its parking position. She said, "Isn't this the limit." I can't even get a ride in an airplane without having to get out and push." Years ago, her family had the only phone in the neighborhood. A neighbor's house caught fire in the night and Mrs. A. excitedly told the phone operator "Get me the fire department." The phone operator asked "Do you want to report a fire?" and Mrs. A. said, "No, fool, I want to make a date with a fireman!"

Are Americans more 'religious'?

WASHINGTON — Americans are getting more religious year by year. Paradoxically, they are getting less churchy. A midsummer poll conducted by the Gallup organization finds a dramatic increase in the number of adult Americans who are attempting in some way to "find God," but there's no increase among those who look for him in church on Sunday.

In 1965, a Gallup Poll found that 73 percent of Americans were members of an organized church. That figure now has dropped to 67 percent. In the country as a whole, among those expressing a religious preference, about 59 percent are Protestant, 23 percent Catholic, 2 percent Jewish and 16 percent something else. More than half of those who identify themselves as Catholics weren't at mass last Sunday. Only 43.6 percent of the professed Protestants were at church as well.

If religious involvement were defined solely in terms of church membership or church attendance, the story over the past two decades would be a story of gradually diminishing commitment. But this past July, Gallup conducted a poll for the Christian Broad-



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casting Network. The data were released a few weeks ago by Pat Robertson, one of the most successful of television's religious leaders.

George Gallup Jr. found the figures both "amazing and surprising." Telephone interviews with 1,029 persons, randomly selected as a national sample, turned up clear evidence of a revival of interest in religious and spiritual matters. The trend was most pronounced among Protestants; almost two-thirds of them (64.5 percent) said they are more interested in religion now than they were five years ago. Well over half of all those polled said they are more likely to believe that religion can answer the problems of the world. The shift away from reliance upon science is dramatic.

In an effort to define "religious interest" more precisely, Gallup's

pollsters inquired about specific activities. An astonishing 26 percent of adult Americans — about 43 million persons — are actively participating in Bible study groups. Five years ago, when the same question was asked, only 19 percent were involved in Bible study.

Other forms of religious activity also have increased since 1978. The poll indicated that 34 million adults are in religious education classes, 17 million are in prayer and meditation groups, and 23 million are witnessing. Gallup found a sharp increase in prophecy, speaking in tongues and the charismatic movement.

One of the most remarkable findings, Gallup said, is that college students are caught up in the religious revival. The proportion of college students who say that religion is "important" has grown from 39 percent to 50 percent over the past five years. Roughly one out of three persons in the 18-34 age bracket regularly attends a church or synagogue.

What accounts for these trends? The poll could find no very explicit explanations for the increase in religious interest; some of the respondents cited "personal expe-

rience" or "personal problems." Only 4.6 percent cited such reasons as "world situation and mankind," by which presumably was meant a fear of atomic war. One explanation for the decline in church membership may lie in television ministries, such as Robertson's. These have attracted large followings in recent years.

Some of the poll's data could have political meaning. The question was asked, "Do you form your political opinions based on religious beliefs to a greater or lesser extent than five years ago?" Thirty-five percent of the respondents answered "greater"; just over 27 percent said "lesser." Gallup said in an interview that among both liberals and conservatives, religious beliefs are at least as important as such factors as age, sex and education in determining how people think "and in some cases how they vote."

Another question asked, Is your material well-being better (or worse) than it was five years ago? Fifty-one percent said it was better; only 15.5 percent said worse. On such images and perceptions do elections turn. President Reagan, viewing these data, should be pleased.

Everything is farther away now than it used to be. #17
It is twice as far to the corner and they have
added a hill, I noticed.

I have given up running for the bus--it leaves
faster than it used to;

And it seems to me they are making stairs steeper
than in the old days.

Have you noticed the smaller print they are using
in the newspapers?

And there is no sense in asking people to read aloud--
Everyone speaks in such a low voice I can hardly
hear them.

The material in dresses is so skimpy now, especially
around the waist and hips.

It is almost impossible to reach my shoe laces.
Even people are changing.

They are much younger than they used to be when I
was their age.

On the other hand, people my age are so much older
than I am.

I ran into an old classmate the other day, and she
had aged so much I didn't even recognize her.
I got to thinking about the poor thing when I was
combing my hair this morning,

And in so doing, I glanced at my reflection.

You know, they don't even make mirrors like they
used to either!

(111)

A Lesson From Life

It is said that there once lived a lonely shepherd in the barren hills of Montana. He loved music and he enjoyed playing his violin. Each Sunday afternoon, he listened to his small radio as the great Toscanini conducted the NBC Symphony Orchestra. One day he sat down and wrote Toscanini, "If you will sound your "A", I will try to play along with you.

The "A" of God's universe is always the same, whether it be in the concert hall or beneath the stars. The universe in which we live is an orderly world. The chemist can depend on God's laws. They are not capricious. Nor are they erratic. Two parts of hydrogen and one of oxygen produce water under normal conditions. To accomplish his experiments, the scientist works in harmony with these physical laws God has made.

There are moral laws in the universe. Simply stated, they are found in the Ten Commandments. These have been interpreted in every age, even as they must be interpreted for our age. There they stand, like great rocks in the midst of the sea of years. *Men often say they break the Ten Commandments; yet is they who are broken and the Commandments remain.*

If one would know the fullness of life, one must learn to live in harmony with the laws of God.

Harleigh M. Rosenberger

Candid Comment



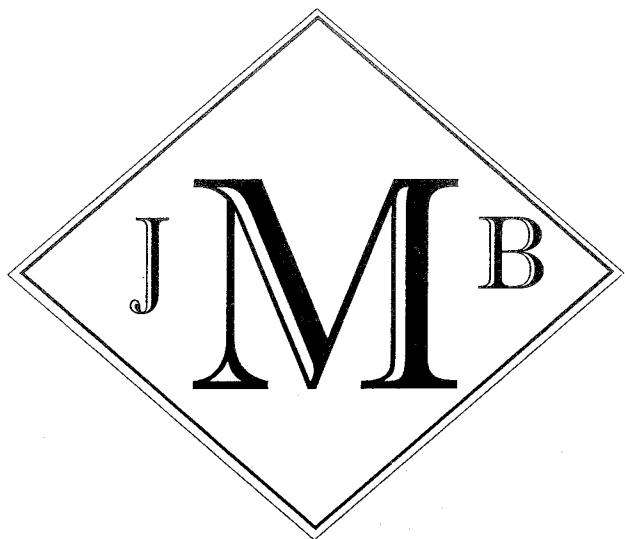
William M. Ellinghaus, *President, American Telephone & Telegraph*: "In a world in which we are overwhelmed with a blizzard of messages, we can easily lose sight of which messages are really important. But, realistically

there is only one message that can never be ignored. It is the message of God, the one message which gives meaning to all others. Read the Bible and encourage others to do so. It's got a message for each of us."

Testimony of a Statesman

#13

"I speak to you as a Christian. Jesus Christ is my Lord and God and Savior and Song day and night. I can live without food, without, drink, without sleep, without air, but I cannot live without Jesus. Without Him I would have perished long ago. Without Him and His church reconciling man to God the world would have perished long ago. I live in and on the Bible for long hours every day. The Bible is the source of every good thought and impulse I have. In the Bible God Himself, the Creator of everything from nothing, speaks to me and to the world directly, about Himself, about ourselves, and about His will for the course of events and for the consummation of history. And believe me, not a day passes without my crying from the bottom of my heart, 'Come, Lord Jesus!' I know He is coming with Glory to judge the living and the dead, but in my impatience I sometimes cannot wait, and I find myself in my infirmity crying with David, 'How long, Lord?' And I know His Kingdom shall have no end." —from a speech by Charles Malik, former ambassador from Lebanon to the U.S., & also formerly president of the United Nations General Assembly.



STORY OF KORAH

Nu. 16 Jude 11

- I. Jude names him as one of 3 examples to be avoided
Jude 11
 - A. Story is told in Nu. 16.
 - B. Let's see if we can see the lesson.
- II. But 1st some observations.
 - A. Peter who writes like Jude does not mention him.
 - B. Jude deals with 3 things:
 1. Pride - murder.
 2. Greed - covetous.
 3. Rebellion - mutineer, insubordinate.
 - C. He names Korah alone tho there were others - ringleaders carry added responsibility.
 - D. Note the tense of "perish".
 1. Results so certain he speaks of perish in past tense tho these folk were not there in point of time yet.
 2. Outcome of heresy is pure destruction.
 - E. Define Gainsay.
 1. Contradiction.
 2. Speak against.
 3. Then controversy.
 4. Then Rebellion.
 - F. Bible plainly identifies as to character & doom resulting.
- III. Now let's turn to Numbers 16 and get better acquainted with the story. Do it by sections.
 - A. Numbers 16:1-11
 1. Korah (Core) perhaps a Levite; others of Reuben.
 2. Note "men of renown" with him.

3. In great no. - 250 strong.
4. Said all Israel was holy & no need to separate men
5. Said Moses lorded his power over them.
 - a.) Would he put out eyes - blind men to real purpose Moses had in mind.
 - b.) Was Moses imposing?
6. Moses invited trial by ordeal.
7. He turned to God for instructions.
8. Let God select among the censor bearers.
9. Was it revolt of lay movement against Moses?
10. Do we live in revolutionary times?
11. Interpreters Bible says what they wanted - priesthood of all believers - was right; only timing was wrong. Are they right?
12. Note Korah had several c him - rarely does a man sin by himself.
13. In opposing "tyranny" they became tyrants.
14. Moses restricted priesthood to Aaron - why?
15. Korah didn't dislike all ordinances - only this one. Can we be "selective"?
16. Do men claim the right today to make laws of religion for themselves? What about the Catholics on birth control, women priests, etc.
17. Does the Bible warn of a rebellious spirit?

1 Pet. 5:2 "Feed the flock of God which is among you,"

2 Pet. 2:10 "But chiefly them that walk after the flesh"
18. Core, leader of arrogant malcontents, gather a whole community against God - is this hard to do?
19. Do some prefer anarchy to constituted authority?

3 Jn. 9-10 "I wrote unto the church: but Diotrephes, v

Titus 1:9-11 "Holding fast the faithful word as he hath

Don't know whether K dies by fire or sword
He was Moses cousin

On never mentioned again - The leaders
Why rebel - we always say heretics & reformers
are disappointed in their ambitions ???

Said Moses had power long enough
In sense all Is. is holy

Exo 19:6

But priest hood still of Levi. Religious
enriching is wickedness

B. Numbers 16:12-15

1. Men complained Moses not leading them to land of milk & honey but away from it.
2. What can we expect from men we've helped?
3. Moses deserved praise; got censor.
4. Moses didn't seek to blind anybody - to keep them from seeing whole truth.
5. Moses appealed to God for his own integrity.

C. Numbers 16:16-24

1. Korah accepts challenge to bring 250 men.
2. Implication is that Korah had popular support of people.
3. V. 22 Note God is author of life - thus has a right to take it.
4. Tabernacle used only here for single dwelling of a man; and not in reference to the tabernacle.
5. Nothing more terrible to the guilty than the appearance of divine glory.

D. Numbers 16:25-35

1. Moses takes elders and asks folk to leave Korah.
Do we extend our warnings?
2. Sheol = dwelling of the dead.
3. We need to support constituted authority when it is opposed.
4. We need to be separate from sinners.
5. World still carries weight of man's sins - wonder it doesn't split.
6. God jealous for his institutions - does not want them invaded.
7. In our time our appeal to apostles is like their appeal to Moses - we must not rebel in our time.

E. Numbers 16:36-40

- 1. No holy thing ought to be put to profane use.
- 2. Even coals used must be scattered far & wide to avoid any improper usage.
- 3. God, via fire pans, uses the wrath of man to praise him.
- 4. God even used the descendants of Korah to good advantage.

I Chron. 6

Ps. 88

Nu. 26:11 "Notwithstanding the children of Korah die

F. Numbers 16:41-50

- 1. Atonement usually made c blood but here achieved by using same instrument that caused departure.

2. 14,700 perished.

3. Are we rebels if we find fault c divine justice.

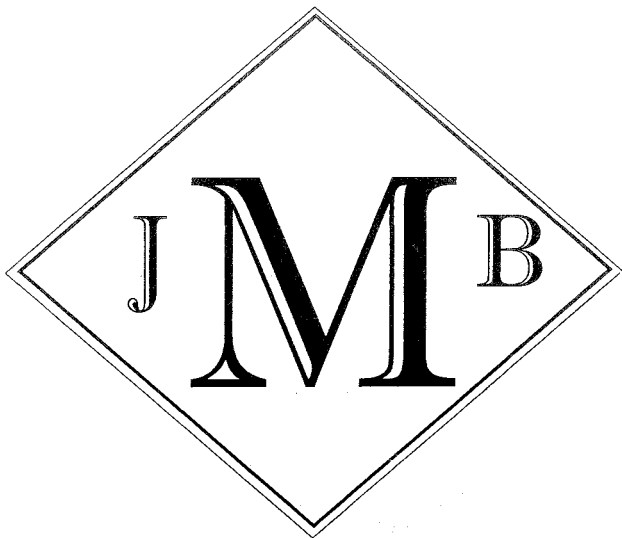
4. Love does what fear can't - Moses intercedes.

5. We must render good for evil.

Rom. 5:8 "But God commendeth his love toward us, in

6. If Moses hadn't interceded God would have wiped
all out.

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OUR REACTION TO THE DROUGHT

NU.20:1-13

- I. We have just experienced a severe dry spell.
 - A. How do I react?
 - B. What do we lay at the feet of God?
 1. Many causes: Satan, chance, foolishness of man, God.
 2. He can turn it all to "all things work together for good."
 3. Wayne says God being omnipotent can stop the wrongs--sure, but man is still free to pursue his way.

- II. All our difficulties--whether we bemoan or praise Ethanol--remind me of an Old Testament story.
 - A. Read Numbers 20:1-13.
 1. Zin, south of Dead Sea.
 2. God keeps track of time even if one day is a 1,000 years with eternity.
 3. Remember bird story with 100 year trip with one grain of sand and built a mountain--its first morning in eternity.
 4. Miriam died--leaders are not forever.

B. Their complaint:

1. They had no water.
2. It's an essential for man and beast.
3. Over a million people need it.

C. Their method:

1. Congregate and accuse Moses and Aaron.
 - a) Always someone else's fault.
 - b) They "strove" with Moses and Aaron.
 - c) Foolish "wish we'd died."
 - d) Ever complaining--wished earlier they were back in bondage with cucumbers, melon, leaks, onions and garlic *to enjoy*.
 - e) Our souls are died away, nothing but manna.
 - f) Smitten with a great plague.
2. When spies returned--wish we'd died in wilderness. Jehovan brought us here to die by the sword. Our wives with children be prey, better go back to Egypt (Numbers 14:1-4).
3. Accused God! and did not see land of milk and honey.
4. Ever complaining!

D. Back to our current story - Num. 20.

1. Part of wish granted.

- a) Wanted to stone Joshua and Caleb.
 - b) As you have spoken in my ears--so be it--dead bodies fall in wilderness.
 - c) 20 or older--all died in wilderness.
 - d) "Little ones I bring in."
2. At it again--complaining--brought to "this evil place."
 3. Verse 5 - no place of seed, figs, vines or pomegranates.
 4. Certainly no WATER!

E. Solution:

1. Moses and Aaron leave people.
2. To tent of meeting.
3. Fell on faces.
4. Glory of God appears.
5. God spoke to Moses.

Heb. 4:11 "Let no man fall after the same example of unbelief."

F. Planks of the solution:

1. Take rod and assemble people.
2. Remember power in usage of rod--as constant as Saul's spear! Only his ineffective.
3. They are in presence of God and away from clamouring people to be instructed.

*Needs this quiet
Communion. c God.*

4. Their physical position presents helplessness and willingness to do anything. *on their faces*
5. Submissive to whatever God commanded.
6. Evident He has not abandoned them.
7. Clear: Take rod, assemble folk, take Aaron, speak to rock before eyes of all the people, bring forth water for people and cattle.

G. Moses' way!

1. Took rod and Aaron.
2. Before people--ye rebels.
3. We bring forth water.
4. Lifted hand.
5. Smote rock two times.
6. Water came, people drank.

III. Thus success - regardless of method-- it's water you want and got it.

- A. Being earlier on their faces implied complete trust in God.
- B. Showed some respect for God's way-- "to the rock" before them.
- C. But obedience was faulty.

Luke 10:16 "He that hears you, hears me."
(God uses men) - it's still His word.

D. God's reaction:

1. Heard Moses rail against people.
2. God was not magnified with the "we."
3. Remember people did not know what God told Moses.
4. David said why this was wrong.

Psalm 106:32-33 READ

5. Man cannot make himself equal to God.
6. Moses left God out and put himself in the picture.
7. You are "rebel," I'm righteous was spirit manifested.

Verse 12: "Because ye believed me not, did not sanctify God--not bring assembly to promised land."

E. Results:

1. Moses stripped Aaron of garments.
2. Aaron died.
3. Moses never then entered land.
4. He did later at transfiguration of Jesus.
5. Shall we repent and obey? or do we drink water of Meribah?
6. Aaron and Miriam died; A. 123 yrs.

~~Exo. 28:1-39~~

Num. 33:38-39 - Aaron's death

Deut. 34:1-7 Moses death

7. Remember!

Heb. 3:12

Heb. 3:18-19

Heb. 4:11

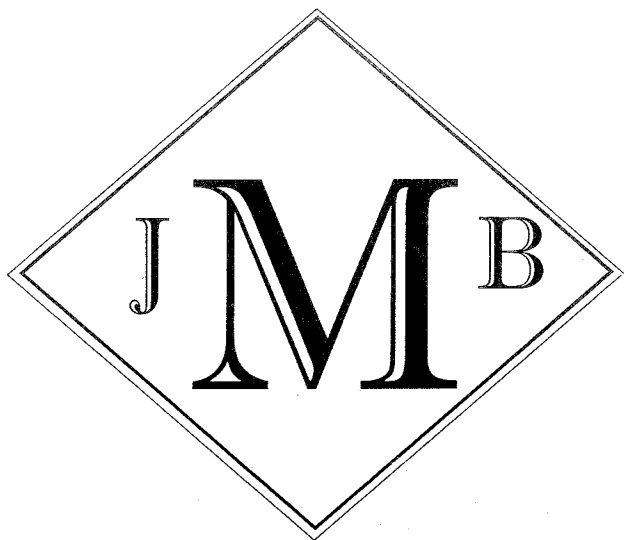
3:12 "Take heed, Brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God"

v 18 "To whom swore he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not (were disobedient)"

4:11 "Lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief (disobedience)"

MARK 16:16

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THE MAN WHO DIED IN FRONT OF

ALL THE PEOPLE Nu. 20:23-29

I. Without a doubt, God thought of everything.

A. Anticipated every error and answered it in the Bible.

B. Anticipated every spiritual need & met it in the word.

C. Foresaw every loophole and filled it with the word of truth.

1. I'll show you this in Aaron.

2. Since he was the first temporary High Priest & Jesus is only permanent High Priest, it is necessary that no question be left unresolved about Aaron.

3. This necessitated his mt. ascent & public death before all the people.

4. Every type a perfect fit.

II. Our Text & Story used is Numbers 20:23-29

A. Lord spake to Moses & Aaron.

1. 5th month of tragic year.

2. They are both to die this year-- Moses & Aaron.

3. Glad they both heard it.

4. Surely by now they know to listen.

5. Aaron now to die.

a) Gathered unto his people--life is somewhere.

b) Believe we will know else why "his people"--problems tho with either view.

c) "Because ye rebelled against my word."

- (1) Meribah--bitter (Nu. 20:12)
- (2) Speak vs smote.
- (3) DEveation small, but potent.
- (4) God means what he says.

B. Take Aaron, Eleazar, Strip, Put, Die

1. Departure is not accidental or unforeseen.

2. Eleazar, oldest son.

3. Aaron be gathered--die there.

C. Moses did as the Lord commanded.

1. Notwithstanding it was his own brother.

2. Notwithstanding it was tough to do.

3. Notwithstanding in just a little bit the same will be happening to Moses.

4. Note Moses with them as he shows friendship to the very end--good times and same times.

a) Life's great burden--nothing to carry.

b) Like kitten better than me--why?

D. In Sight of All the Congregation.

1. They saw 3 men climb a mt.

2. They saw two come back, one differently attired.

3. It's imperative the whole nation know--Build C429 clip.

4. It's essential I see the temporary nature of the fleshly high priest.

5. Can't help wondering the sentiment of the folk; did they wait, watching for them to come down since they will mourn 30 days, how long did all of this dramatic event take?

E. The Death Ritual

1. On Hor

- a) Near enough to see Canaan.
- b) 40 years wandering nearly over.
- c) Near Edom's border (coast)--folk who refused them passage.
- d) Can't identify Hor.
- e) Both men disobeyed God, die on mt. & bury in lonely grave.
- f) God bury them? - else Moses & Eleazar unclean.

2. Stripped Aaron.

- a) Went to his death in his priestly robes tho imperfect.
- b) Couldn't carry dignity nor emblems into next world.

Isa. 22:20-23 (Read)

- c) Moses 1st clothed him as High Priest--now takes the sacerdotal garments off him.
- d) Death strips us.
- e) None of us want to outlive our usefulness.

3. Put on Eleazar

- a) Pledge of perpetuity.
- b) Shows a successive priesthood.
- c) Not so with Jesus.
- d) While we are here good to know continuation comes as another is charged.
- e) Must have warmed Aaron's heart to see his son clothed.
- f) Interregnum prevented.

4. Aaron died

- a) He went to meet death thus not unprepared.
- b) What about our walk?
- c) Heb. "he was compassed with infirmities."
- d) 123 years old.

Nu. 33:37-39

- e) Deut. 10:6 says died at Moserah.
 - (1) No one knows where Moserah is.
 - (2) Thus could be same site.
 - (3) Or if different take body & later bury it there.
- f) Could see camp, Son, Moses for last time, look away & see Canaan in distance.
- g) FJB says Eleazar could not see death of dad.

Lev. 21:11

(or was this suspended here?)

5. Lessons from his death.

- a) Common destiny of man.
- b) Righteousness of moral law.
- c) Termination of life in the midst of labor.
- d) God's agency in man's dissolution.
- e) Places of dead quickly filled.
- f) Trial of human friendship.
- g) Recognition of painful loss. (Heslop)

6. Bigger lesson

- a) Bygone generations still live.
- b) High priesthood does not depend on one man.

c) There is a limitation of man--even among leaders.

(4th grade boy's essay on "Things I'm Most Thankful For" wrote "My glasses." "It keeps boys from hitting me and girls from kissing me.")

7. Biggest lesson learned.

a) Our High Priest is forever.

Heb. 7:23-25

b) Jesus is eternal.

c) With Him I'm in secure hands.

d) Neither Moses nor Aaron could bring them to the promised land--it took Joshua (Savior)--he alone can do it.

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46 - Work

A sad and lonely old man was asked, "What is life's greatest burden?"

"To have nothing to carry," was the elderly man's reply.

Henry Boye

"Come here, my darling," said the book saleslady to a little girl. The saleslady had a face which belied her words, but she was trying to cultivate the small daughter of the lady of the house who had not yet come downstairs. "I do so love children," she added in a clear voice as she heard footsteps on the stairs. "But you seem to like the kitty better than me. Why are you so fond of her?"

"Because," said the child calmly, "she purrs as if she meant it."— **d**

A Ford welfare worker recounted a revealing conversation he once had with an assembly line worker in Detroit:

"What are you making?" he asked.

"C 429," came the bored reply.

"What is C 429?"

"I don't know."

"What becomes of C 429 when it leaves you?"

"I don't know."

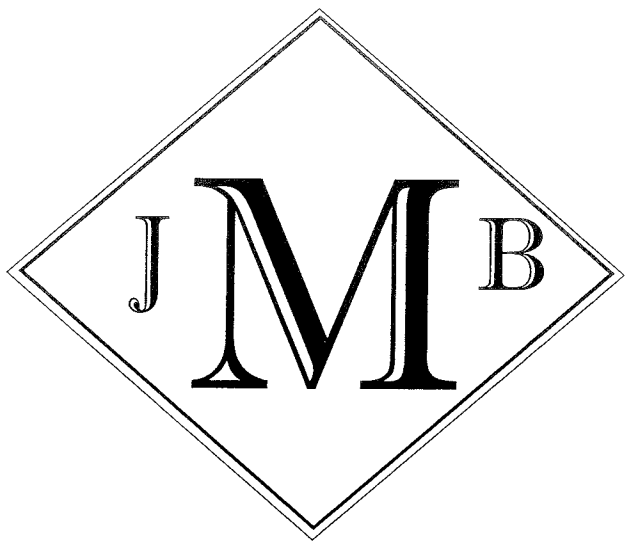
"How long have you been making C 429?"

"Nine years."

If such meaninglessness was confined to assembly-line jobs, the solution would be technology—replacing human beings with robots for routine, repetitive jobs. But meaninglessness infects all work at some point, even professional people-helping occupations and the Christian ministry. Homemakers especially struggle with work that never seems to be finished. In this study in Ecclesiastes, we'll reflect on the dark side of work: sometimes it seems useless. The problem is multiplied for people who find their identity in what they do rather than who they are because meaningless work produces meaningless persons.

The Russian novelist Dostoevski said, "If it were desired to reduce a man to nothing, it would be necessary only to give his work a character of uselessness." It may seem that the Teacher in Ecclesiastes is a man reduced to nothing, but there is more to the book than simple pessimism.

Satisfying work - Pg 13 Steven Schobert



BALAAAM'S FIRST PARABLE

Nu. 23:1-10

I. We move to the acid test: Can Balaam for hire curse the people of God?

A. Balaam was covetous.

2 Pet. 2:14-16 "Having eyes full of adultery, and

B. He speaks several parables.

1. The word is not quite like the NT word. Means here "dark saying".

2. Each has a separate message.

II. Before we study the 1st parable, let's see the events that led to it.

A. Built 7 altars c 7 rams & 7 oxen.

1. 7 was no. of completion.

2. Usually that their prophecies must be preceded by special religious service.

3. Balaam may have had some ideas.

(a) If you persist long enuf, maybe it will become right.

(b) Did he think God owed him something.

(c) But remember "the curse causeless cannot come.

(d) Did Balaam approve the right & follow the wrong?

4. Note words he'd speak - whatsoever he sheweth me (V. 3).

5. Satan knew his man & what it would take to get him.

B. God sent him back to speak.

III. Balaam's 1st Parable.

A. These points.

1. I can't curse what God doesn't (V. 8).

(a) God's invincible.

Isa. 54:17 "No weapon that is formed **against** thee sha

Rom. 8:31 "What shall we **then say** to these things? I

2. Majesty of God (V. 9).

3. Separateness of God's people (V. 9).

Exo. 19:5 "Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice i

Jn. 15:19 "If ye were of the world, the world would l

Jn. 17:16-17 "They are not of the world, even as I an

(a) Why? For world's deprivation or for benefit?

4. Number of God's folk was countless (V. 10).

Gen. 28:14 "And thy seed shall be as the dust of the e

Rev. 7:9 "After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitu

Gen. 13:16 "And I will make thy seed as the dust of t

(a) Camp had 4 divisions.

(b) Each division was formidable.

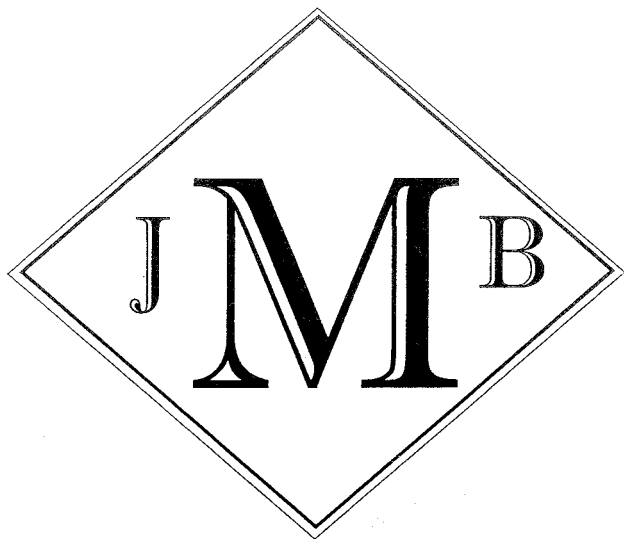
5. Let me die the death of the rt. (V. 10).

(a) When rt. died usually had his children & grand-children around him.

(b) Must live like them to die like them.

(c) Rt. blessed above others in life as well as death

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BALAAAM'S SECOND PARABLE

Numbers 23:13-24

I. Balaam futilely is trying to curse the People of God

A. He's failed once.

B. It shocked Balak (V. 11).

C. He answers he can only say what God permits (V. 12).

D. Balak thinks if he moves him he will do better (V. 13). *Some forums, different place.*

1. He felt failure was due to place.

2. Also maybe he saw too much & that rattled him. He'd now see part of camp rather than all from top of rocks.

3. What do we feel is the best place for cursing?

4. We often want to close our eyes to our failures' causes & invent other reasons.

II. Let's stop to see some things.

A. Never dawned on Balak to doubt Balaam's power.

B. Nor his ability to buy it.

C. Horrified when it was neither attainable or efficacious.

D. Balaam always spoke the truth, but his heart was not in it.

E. Balaam never repented.

F. Balak couldn't afford a quarrel as Balaam his only recourse to God.

III. The Move (V. 14-16).

A. More sacrifices.

1. Can we come before God empty-handed.

2. Do we obey Him with our sacrifices?

- 3. Zophim = Watchers - Maybe a well known outlook
- 4. Do we keep track of our enemies. *Overcome his*
- 5. If we buy prophets, do we God? *objections & money*

B. More soothsaying. **JAN 5:17**

- 1. Balaam uses this type language - looking for auguries.
- 2. Going to put evil eye on them - we believe in the double Whammy.
- 3. God forbids divination.

Lev. 19:26 "Ye shall not eat any thing with the blood:

- 4. He gives His word & providence to guide.
- 5. He keeps His word.

Ps. 37:31 "The law of his God is in his heart; none of

IV. The 2nd Parable. *Rise: attend to me*

A. Did anyone but Balak hear it.

- 1. It was personal.
- 2. He called his name - does God have our undivided attention? (V. 18)

ISA 54:17

B. Points made.

ISAM 15:19

- 1. God is different (V. 19).
 - a.) Men frequently change their minds & break word
 - (1) Ignorance.
 - (2) Shortsightedness.
 - (3) Prejudice.
 - (4) Narrowmindedness.
 - b.) Satan & his children lie.

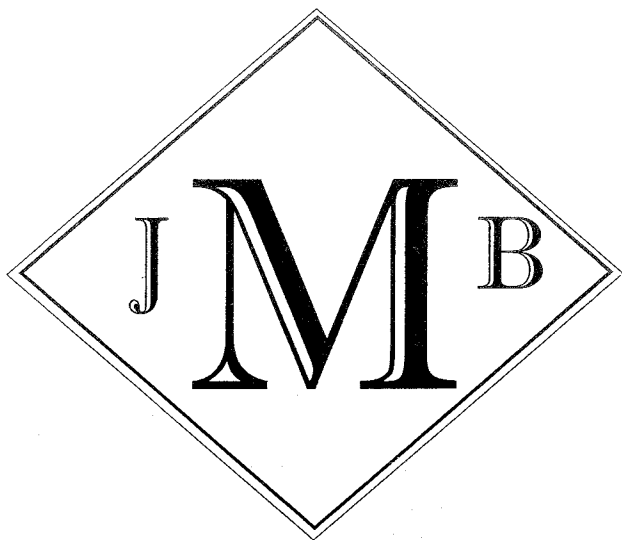
Jn. 8:44 "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lust

Isa. 59:13-15 "In transgressing and lying against the L

c.) God's steadfastness gives strong consolation.

Heb. 6: 18-19 "That by two immutable things, in which

1. God's promises inviolate
2. Lord allows no sin in Israel
" " " unpardoned
3. Contrast what God wrought &
what Devil wrought



BALAK'S USE OF HANDS

Nu. 24

I. Intro c Hands.

1. Wave
2. OK
3. Safe
4. Hitchhike
5. Wring in despair
6. Get attention
7. Black power
8. Figure
9. Pray
10. Count
11. Empty
12. Clap - applause or anger.

II. Points.

A. Balak sought to frustrate God
by prophet, & misplace honor.

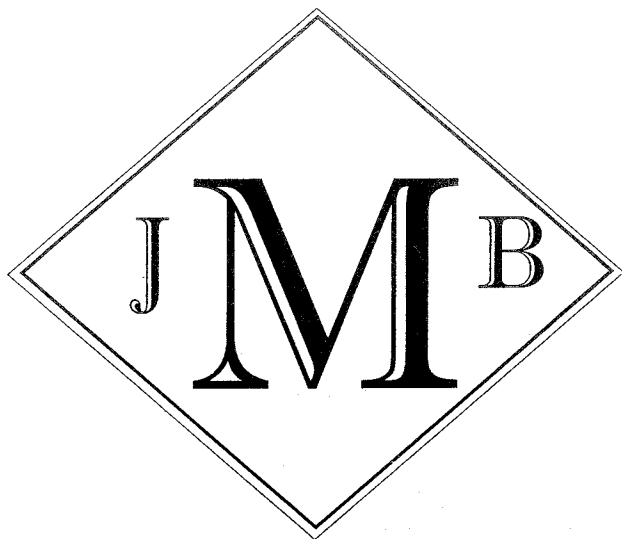
B. Balaam could not go beyond word.

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BALAAAM SAW THE TENTS

Nu. 24:1

I. Our contest continues.

A. Sought change of place for cursing.

B. Continues his altars.

C. Took knowledge of the fact God blessed Israel.

Nu. 24:1 "And when Balaam saw that it pleased the L

1. Knowledge via Spirit; not enchantments.

(Nu. 24:2)

I Sam. 19:23 "Spirit of Lord on him."

2. Initiates it w/o reference to Balak.

3. Conscious that superstition does nothing.

II. Balaam's Eyes Are Open.

Nu. 24:2 "And Balaam lifted up his eyes, and he saw

A. On eyes see:

1. We can open eyes but not heart.

2. Eyes of seer meant.

I Sam. 9:9 "Prophet - Seer".

3. We want to have our own way then be blessed by God as tho it's His way.

4. Don't serve w/o meaning.

5. B. had open eye & itchy palm.

6. Only word man says c power is truth; can know it & be destroyed to it.

B. Saw Israel in Tents.

1. What was beautiful about them?

a.) Tents?

b.) Order?

c.) Occupant.

2. Nothing recommends religion more than those who look at it from a distance.

(a) What do they praise most?

(b) What criticize most?

3. Stresses his eyes are open.

(a) Speaks of this c pride.

(b) **Tragic** to see & yet not to see. Balaam thus did not enjoy Israel's blessings.

4. Do we see Beauty?

Ps. 133:1-3 (Read all).

5. Were tents picture of peace & fruitfulness.

6. Is there not a difference between external appearance & internal conditions?

7. Where God is even an old tent looks good!

8. Orderliness gives beauty.

C. He saw Valleys & Trees.

1. Lign aloes.

(a) Sandal wood?

(b) Really don't know what they were.

2. Lord's planting- could mean it grows independent of the cultivation of man.

D. **Poor** water via buckets.

1. Picture of prosperity.

2. By well they put a tall pole. It is a fulcrum to a very long lever. At small end attach a bucket - opposite end & much larger are notches cut in wood. Serves as steps. Man walks it & his wt. raises & lowers it depending on direction of walk. Others stand by to empty buckets.

3. Or 2 buckets carried on end of pole.

4. Whatever its picture of prosperity.

E. God is powerful.

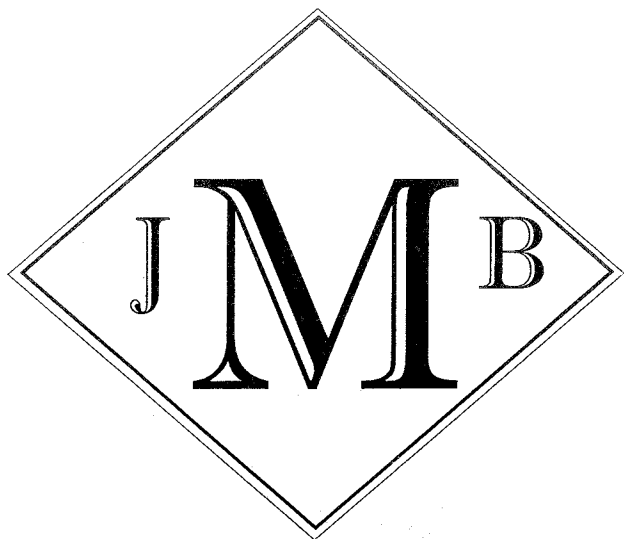
Prov. 28:1 Bold as lion rt.

Ps. 4:8 Lay down & sleep.

1. He can't do what Balak wants done but he can make a prediction of nations about him.

2. Lion lies down anywhere - no one meddles c him.

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BALAAAM'S LAST BLESSING

№. 24:10-25

I. Some men never seem to learn.

A. God is sovereign - can't whip Him.

B. Balak kept trying for the curse.

C. Balaam kept issuing blessings.

II. This 1st Scene Shows an Angry Balak (V. 10).

A. Balak in Frustration does some clapping.

1. Anger kindled - smote hands.

2. "I called thee to curse".

a.) Men need to know the nature of their calling!

3. 3X you've blessed "altogether".

a.) That was not part of the bargain.

4. Flee to thy place.

5. I sought to give great honor & the Lord kept thee back.

a.) What honor greater than serving God?

b.) Who today feels prestige denied him from the world because he became a martyr for Christ?

c.)

B. Balaam's rebuttal.

1. For a house full of gold I cannot:

a.) Go beyond the commandments.

b.) Do either good or bad of my own mind.

(1) Respect for God's word.

(2) Dignity toward man all necessary to true prophesy

c.) What the Lord saith will I speak.

C. In closing let me "advertise" thee of the future.

1. Word means advise.

III. Balaam's Last Prophecy (V. 15-25)

A. Man with the Open Eyes.

1. May not like what you see but you'd better look!

Three things about God: (V. 16)

Speaks words for Hearing

Has Knowledge

Vision of Almighty

B. I shall see him - but not now.

I shall behold him - but not nigh.

1. Jesus is real - seeing his coming in full reality.

2. Person he was "seeing" was not then in Israel - coming later.

C. Star & Sceptre - Smith - Sheth - Seir.

1. Tho more in it, note all the "S" words.

2. Star.

a.) Poetic for brilliant person.

Dan. 8:10 "And it waxed great, even to the host of he

Matt. 24:29 "Immediately after the tribulation of those

Rev. 1:20 "The mysetery of the seven stars which thou

b.) Lord is a luminary.

Lu. 2:32 "A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glo

2 Pet. 1:19 "We have also a more sure word of prophec

Rev. 22:16 "I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unt

3. Sceptre (thine the K. & the Power!)

a.) Shows ruling power.

Lu. 1:32 "He shall be great, and shall be called the S

Gen. 49:10 "The sceptre shall not depart from Judah,

b.) Christ prophesied to be the Conqueror, Subduer.

Heb. 1:8 "But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O G

Ps. 2:8 "Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen

James 5:20 "Let him know, that he which converteth t

c.) Totally destroys foe - Devil.

1 Jn. 3:8 "He that committeth sin is of the devil; for th

4. Moab.

a.) Corners - lit. 2 corners, both sides.

5. Sheth either sons of Seth or sons of confusion, tumult.

D. Parable with Amalek.

1. Amalek 1st nation to attack Israel.

2. Tho meaning here could be his pride made him think he was 1st when really wasn't.

1 Sam. 15:7-8 "And Saul smote the Amalekites from He

1 Sam. 27:8 "And David and his men went up, and inv

1 Chron. 4:41-43 "And these written by name came in

E. Parable c Kenites.

Gen. 15:19 "The Kenites, and the Kenizzites, and the

1. Nest - shows they placed confidence in God.

2. Part of this hard - is it a negative qt. that expects a negation.

3. Are these nations types of opposition to the church

a.) Moab - cunning - no open fight.

b.) Edom - insolent opposition.

c.) Amalek - vain glory, pretention.

d.) Kenites - confidence in earthly strength, or of religious friends.

4. Men change their minds but not God.

5. Really don't know Kenites - much about them.

F. "Who shall live" Parable

1. Terrible woe to come as God settles it.

a.) Yet who today heeds what is taught?

b.) Are we stubborn?

c.) All Kingdoms but Christ's to fall.

d.) Means either who will be alive when prophecy fulfilled or who can survive.

Affect: bring low.

Balaam struck c fear as he saw what was coming

1 Pet. 1:17 "And if ye call on the Father, who without

4:17-18 "For the time is come that judgment must

2 Pet. 3:11 "Seeing then that all these things shall be

Remember contrast - tents of obedient are pretty;

Kings of disobedience to be destroyed

IV. The Parting of the Ways (V. 25).

A. Balaam's end.

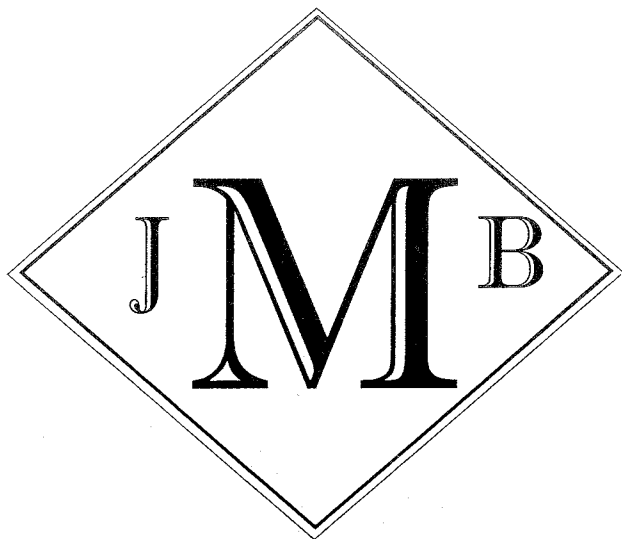
1. Finally killed.

Gen. 31:8 "If he said thus, The speckled shall be

a.) Did he ever get home or stop c Midianites.

b.) Could he not put duty & desire together?

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WHICH DID HE SEE 1ST, CATTLE OR CHILDREN?
NUMBERS 32

- I. In an effort to say what you assigned me, this lesson has 3 parts.
 - A. Autobiographical as I deal with our feelings plus Reuben and Gad.
 - B. The sight of Reuben and Gad.
 - C. The application.
- II. The Autobiographical
 - A. Betty and I married 7 years--83rd birthday--Dr. said see another *day is 15*
 - B. No children--Dad birthday by cycle vs baby.
 - C. Finally a pregnancy.
 1. Dibrell meeting.
 2. Hospital with drunk doctor.
 3. Saved the ability to bear.
 4. Search for place for penicillin shot.
 - D. Move to Nashville
 1. No job
 2. No insurance
 3. House near DLU at \$13,000.
 4. No church appointment here.
 5. Locust Grove at \$35 per week; later Grace Ave. at same price.
 6. Good doctor.
 7. Pregnancy with 7 months in bed and each trip to maternity ward.
 8. Anti abort pills later cancer.
 9. Sis came.
 10. 7 day old enrolled in DLU kindergarten; *Sister Hecksdyg.*

III. Scripture--Numbers 32

Bibb V-23

- A. Leaving wilderness
- B. Moses to vacate leadership.
- C. Enter Promised Land.
- D. Reuben and Gad side by side on south side of Tabernacle, yet no stories of their closeness *during wilderness wandering*
- E. But something had happened:

- 1. Read Numbers 32:1-2.
- 2. Speech to Moses--Nu. 32:2-5
- 3. Read again v-5.

"Bring us not over Jordan"

- a) Forsake original inheritance.
- b) Carry not our load to free land of enemies.
- c) Material interests shown.
- d) Forsake close fellowship with others *for own self.*
- e) Me 1st. "Land for cattle" -- "thy servants have cattle."

- 4. Even today as crossing Jordan means death we avoid it.
- 5. We do not press on to perfection.
- 6. No word about children.

F. Moses became unglued. Read speech verses 6-15.

- 1. V-11, "Brood of sinners." *"NIV"*
- 2. Whole band lost, *return to wilderness*

G. Rebuttal speech, v. 16-19.

- 1. First mention of little ones.
- 2. Even then after sheep folds--loose piled stones for enclosure.

Spies caused it 1st

Now will you duplicate

3. Stop everything for fenced cities?
Where is time element?
4. Promise to help others.
5. Our land "this side Jordan eastward"
verse 19.
6. Just where do we place the security
of our children?
7. Christian ed--blessed with 5 grands,
all Christians, deacon, preacher,
married Christians.

H. Moses' answer, v. 20-27

1. He put children first, v. 24.
2. Sins find you out, v. 23.
3. They reverse it--children's first,
v. 26.
4. Moses told Eleazar, v. 28, since
he would not be there.
5. Moses OK, v. 33-34.

I. Things Learned.

1. Sin find you out--no lapse of time.
2. We must not believe we are the
best judges of matters--God is!
3. Our minds can be full of cattle
not Canaan. *Postulates not Progeny*
4. V-14, Increase of sinful men
contusion--fracture--brood of sinners
5. Don't accept a half promise.
6. Exchange pasture for brethren?
7. *Moses cooled off*
8. *History shows God's plan best*
Caleb vs Moab it became
9. *Put your family 1st*

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