

## Camping - cont.

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be pure and stay in a right relationship with God. They camped with purity. In the same way, all Christians are priests and they need to remain pure with God (1 John 1:5-10).

In Numbers 9, the Israelites were given instructions about the Passover and instructions about when to move. They were to camp with the Lord as their guide. In the same way, Christians follow the guide of God's word today (John 16:13; 2 Timothy 1:13; 3:16-17).

Finally, in Numbers 10, the Israelites were told to camp while assembled together for important occasions, they set forward on their journey in order, Moses invited others to go with them, and Moses called upon the Lord for help. In the same way, Christians today assemble for worship (Hebrews 10:24-25), they inviting others to go with them (Proverbs 11:30), and they pray to God for help (Hebrews 4:16).

Friends, there are two journeys only in life; one that leads to heaven and the other that leads to hell (Matthew 7:13-14). What do you expect to find at the end of your journey? Like Moses said, "Come go with us..." (Numbers 10:29). Let's go to heaven together! - *Chris Reeves*

## Sentence Sermons

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- Deeper giving means deeper living.
- We are known by what we say, and what we don't say.
- Alcohol will pick you up now, but let you down later.
- Kneel down (in prayer) and you will be able to stand up and walk straight.
- In many cases, self-control is better than self-expression.

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.  
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

# Camping Toward Canaan's Land

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The Israelites journeying through the wilderness and camping toward Canaan's land is like the Christian today journeying toward heaven. Paul, in 1 Corinthians 10, and the author of Hebrews, in Hebrews 3-4, use the wilderness wanderings as an example for Christians today.

The first part of the book of Numbers in the Old Testament gives the final instructions for the Israelites before they leave Mt. Sinai and begin their journey to Canaan land. Chapters 1-10 give those instructions and when you read those chapters you will find some interesting lessons and parallels for Christians today. Let us consider a few of these.

In Numbers 1, the Israelites were told that the men needed to be numbered and ready for war. They would have to fight physical battles along the way to Canaan. In the same way, Christians today are to camp ready for war. Their war is a spiritual battle with the Devil and wickedness. They need to put on the whole armor of God, fight the good fight, war the good warfare, and be victorious (Ephesians 6:10ff; 1 Timothy 1:18; 2 Timothy 2:3-4; 4:6-8; 1 Peter 2:11; Revelation 2-3).

In Numbers 2, the Israelites were told to camp with order in their lives. They were to set up their camps in a certain location around the tabernacle. God was to be at the center of their lives as they camped. In the same way, Christians today need to camp in an orderly fashion following the order and pattern of God's word (1 Corinthians 14:40; 2 Timothy 1:13) and God needs to be at the center of their lives (Galatians 2:20).



In Numbers 3 and 4, the Israelites were told to camp ready for service. Different men were told what service at the tabernacle they would be performing - the duties of the Levites, Kohathites, Gershonites, sons of Merari, etc. In the same way, Christians today need to remain steadfast, unmovable, and always abounding in the Lord's work (1 Corinthians 15:58). There is service for all Christians to perform! Let us know what is and be busy doing it.

In Numbers 5, the Israelites were told how to remove uncleanness and sin from their lives as they camped. They were to be pure as they camped. In the same way, Christians need to know how to remove sin from their lives. They must repent of their sin (Acts 8:18ff), confess it and pray for forgiveness (1 John 1:7-9), and they must separate from it (Ephesians 4:11).

In Numbers 6, the Israelites were told how that certain ones could be separated and dedicated to the Lord - the Nazirites. These individuals were to camp dedicated to the Lord. In the same way, Christians today need to remain separated from worldliness and stay dedicated to the Lord on their way to heaven (2 Corinthians 6:17).

In Numbers 7, there is a record of the Israelites bringing voluntary gifts for the service and sacrifice of the tabernacle. They camped with free-will offerings. In the same way, Christians are to give their free-willing offerings of contribution on the first day of the week (2 Corinthians 9:6-7) and they can give their time, talents, and life to the Lord as well (Philippians 2:17,22).

In Numbers 8, the Israelites (the Levites in particular) were told how to