

Numbers – Part 5

Revision of Numbers - Part 1 - 4:

1. Book of Numbers – the journey of the Israelites in the wilderness for 40 years before entering the Promised Land.
2. God wants all defilements to be removed from the camp and the people gave offerings unto the Lord before moving into the Promised Land.
3. God leads the children of Israel with the pillar of cloud and pillar of fire.

1. Sins Abound – Lust for Better Food (11:1-35)

- (a) Sin of Complain which led to God's judgment (v.1). What do you complain about? Why is God's judgment so severe?
We must learn Godliness with Contentment (1 Tim 6:6)
- (b) Lust for better food (v.4-6). Who was the bad influence? Was Egypt's food much better than God's manna?
- (c) Discouragement of the leader Moses (v.10-15). Have you ever felt like Moses in v.14-15? Learn from Moses to open your heart to God in your discouragement.
- (d) God's answer in providing support for Moses with 70 elders (v.16-18). God provided meat for the people – it was not a blessing but became a curse (v.19-20). We can get what we want but it does not mean it is a blessing from God (Ps 106:15).

2. Sins Abound – Miriam and Aaron against Moses (12:1-16)

- (a) Sibling rivalry (v.1-2) - What were Miriam and Aaron's accusations against Moses?
Real motive behind it was pride and recognition.
- (b) Learn from Moses' reaction (v.3) {refer to Matt 11:29} and God's intervention for Moses (v.4-9). What did God commend Moses? (v.7)?
- (c) Beware of speaking against God's chosen leaders (Heb 13:17).
- (d) The chastisement of God (v.9-16) – Miriam stricken with leprosy.
Read Heb 12: 6.