

Bible Readings Book by Book week 52 – w/c 30/10/22

Week 52

Monday: Numbers 20:1-13 In v6, Moses and Aaron have an experience of God's glory. God's glory is defined simply as "God's greatness, worthiness, or excellence displayed. The greatest demonstration of this is in Jesus Christ (see John 1:14). How have you experienced God's glory? What do you think this experience was like for Aaron and Moses?

Tuesday: Numbers 20:14-29 God gave special warning about Aaron's death, so a smooth transition could be made in passing down the position of high priest to Aaron's oldest living son, Eleazar. No one's relationship with God in Israel was to depend on Aaron, but on the high priest – whomever he was. God has ensured there will always be a high priest for us to come to in Jesus (Hebrews 4:14-16).

Wednesday: Numbers 21:1-35 Faith in what God says brings salvation. Looking at the bronze snake prevented people dying from the snake's bite. Jesus likened this event to himself in John 3:14 & 15. Thank God that looking in faith at Jesus raised up on the cross brings us salvation from judgement and forgiveness for our sin.

Thursday: Numbers 22:1-20 Although Balaam was obviously a man with significant spiritual gifts, he was not a man with a genuine heart after God. He was "seeking God's will" regarding something that was plainly not His will. Because of his love for money, Balaam essentially tried to manipulate God into granting him a special exception. What distracts you from doing God's will?

Friday: Numbers 22:21-41 Balaam compromised his ministry and his faith by doing what he knew was wrong (cf. v22) in order to gain financially by offering his services as a prophet to Balak and the Moabites. Are there any areas where you are tempted to compromise in your witness or integrity because you care about your status or the approval of others?

Weekend: Numbers 23:1-30 In the second prophecy God is telling Balak of his Divine nature. God doesn't lie, he doesn't change his mind and he keeps his promises. Balak is clearly frustrated by Balaam's response. He wishes Balaam would say nothing rather than to bless the Israelites. Praise God for his steadfastness and faithfulness.