**A Study of the Book of Numbers**

**Week 3 Summary – Sunday November 6, 2022**

I. This Week’s Major Moments

A. The Israelites celebrated Passover and God guided them

B. The Israelites set out from Mt. Sinai

C. God appointed elders to assist Moses and punished the grumbling Israelites

D. Miriam was struck with leprosy when she and Aaron opposed Moses

E. Twelve spies sent to Canaan returned with their report

II. But First – Two Major Moments Not Covered Last Week

A. The People Bring Donations for Ministry in the Temple – Numbers 7

1. Why were the wagons and oxen seemingly unevenly distributed?

2. Why did the sons of Kohath receive no oxen or wagons?

3. What do you notice regarding all of the gifts described in vv. 12-83? Significance?

a. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the tribes brought gifts, and

b. They brought \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ offerings – they were all equally “vested” in ministry

4. Today we don’t bring livestock or grain as offerings. What do we bring?

a. See Romans 12:1

b. See Hebrews 13:15-16

B. Aaron Sets up the Lampstands – Numbers 8

1. What were some of the similarities between Ex. 25:31-40 and Numbers 8:1-4?

2. Themes of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ run throughout the Bible

a. Hebrew verb for “give light” in 8:2 is same as verb used in 6:25

b. Theme of God-given light carries through to Jesus’ birth –

Read Luke 2:29-32

3. We see this theme especially in John’s Gospel – see John 1:45 and 8:12

4. How do we receive God’s light (2 Cor. 4:4-6)? What is its purpose?

(see Matthew 5:14-16)

III. The Passover, and the Israelites Set Out from Sinai – Numbers 9 and 10

A. What did the Feast of Passover commemorate?

B. What similarities do you see between the Passover and Jesus’ sacrifice for us?

\*Read John 1:29 and 1 Peter 1:18-19

C. How did God reveal His presence to and lead the Israelites? –

see Numbers 9:17-19

D. What purposes did the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that God commanded Moses to fashion serve?

E. What about the interplay between God’s sovereignty and human responsibility?

1. God issues \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because He desires faithful obedience

2. But God’s “counter-performance” isn’t conditioned upon our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ obedience…….how do we know this to be true?

IV. Those Grumbling Israelites…..Miriam and Aaron Among Them! - Numbers 11 and 12

A. Note the “pattern” of their grumbling:

1. Initially, to one another, but \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ heard it

2. But what act of God precipitated their going to Moses?

B. What were they complaining about? How “clear” were their recollections of their life in Egypt?

C. God reveals a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in His responses to their grumbling. What was it?

D. How does God feel about grumbling and complaining? Read Psalm 142. How does David’s “complaining” in these verses differ from that of the Israelites?

E. What was the cause of Miriam’s grumbling about Moses?

1. How did God respond? How did Moses respond?

2. Read Matthew 12:34b – what do words reveal about hearts?

V. Twelve Spies Sent Out Who Return with Their Report – Numbers 13

A. Were the spies wholly dishonest? What part of their report was actually true?

B. What news did they bring that would have disheartened its hearers?

1. Was it true?

2. Did it really matter if it was true or not? Why or why not?