**A Study of the Book Numbers**

**Week 7 Summary – Sunday December 11, 2022**

I. This Week’s Major Moments

 A. God Commissions Joshua to be Moses’ Successor

 B. God Gives (Very!) Specific Instructions About Sacrifices and Offerings

 C. God Continues to Outline a Calendar for Sacrifices and Pertinent Laws

 D. God Taught the Israelites About the Obligation of Vows

 E. God Declares Vengeance on Midian

II. God Commissions Joshua – Numbers 27

 A. But first – God showing His care and dedication to women

 1. The daughters of Zelophehad had a problem. What was it?

 2. What new rule(s) did God institute regarding women with no \_\_\_\_\_\_ relatives?

3. This was the creation of the idea of the “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.” Can you name a famous one?

 B. This reveals God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of women and His sense of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 C. Joshua’s Commission

 1. Before Moses drew his last breath, God allowed him to view the promised land

2. Moses requested that the Lord appoint a new leader – what does this reveal about Moses?

3. God’s will regarding Joshua’s appointment was confirmed by the Urim and Thummim – what were these? Who was the only one allowed to possess and use them?

4. What was God’s great \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to Joshua as he assumed leadership? See Deuteronomy 31:1-8

III. Specific Instructions About Public Sacrifices and Offerings – Numbers 28 and 29

A. A pure, sincere and obedient offering was “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” to the Lord. What would be the result of insincere, impure offerings? See Isaiah 65:5

B. God establishes a repeating pattern for His people in these offerings

 1. Daily, monthly, and annual offering schedules are set forth

2. These offerings, particularly the annual offerings were “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” or “foreshadowing” of what (or Whom?)

a. Passover – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ comes as the perfect sacrificial Lamb

b. Feast of Weeks – 50 days after the 7th Sabbath of the year. This coincided with Pentecost, the day the Holy Spirit was made manifest!

 C. Other feasts included the Feast of Trumpets and the Day of Atonement

 1. What does the sounding of a trumpet signify in 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18?

2. What did the temporary “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” (tents) the Israelites slept in during this feast serve to remind them of?

D. The themes of “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” and “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” are a huge part of all of the feasts and rituals. Why? Read Hebrews 9:22

E. The “R’s” of all of this…..

1. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of all of these \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. Was to serve as a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God’s favor and protection and keep His people in

3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with Him!

IV. God Teaches on the Obligation of Vows – Numbers 30

 A. The bottom line of all of this – keep your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

 B. Differences between vows of men and women

 1. Men were expected to keep their vows without \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 2. In certain cases, women could be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from their vows

 3. However, the vow of a woman no longer under a man’s authority was binding

C. Because it’s a snare to speak rashly and consider our words after the fact, we should let our words be few. Read Ecclesiastes 5:2-7

V. God Declares Vengeance on Midian – Numbers 31

 A. In Numbers 31:1-2, God gives Moses one final task. What is it?

 B. Based on Numbers 31:15-16 and Moses’ reaction, did the warriors carry it out?

 C. What issues might contemporary readers have with God’s instructions?

 1. Why would a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God who values \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ give such an instruction?

 2. Is this a justification for “holy war?”

 3. This action was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_…..