

# Numbers 9-10 –29 October 2020

## “Obedience In Motion”

### Introduction

\*In 2<sup>nd</sup> 1/2 of Exodus and Leviticus, Israel’s identity was established, by the Law & Tabernacle

\*In Numbers 1-8, God then shifted His focus to preparing them for victory in the Promised Land

\*Giving land w/ cities they didn’t build & fields they didn’t plant

In Num 1-4 – God shows them *what they already have* for victory in the Promised Land

Conducted census to show them they have the phy resources & they’re IDed w/ Him in a cross

Choose Levi to replace 1stborn to show them they to live by grace & that they have spiritual resources

He already provided but this slave nation needed to be encouraged to see who they really are in God!!

In Num 5-8 – God showed them *how to* move forward into this victory

Be as clean as you can

Be yielded to God's Spirit

Accept your role in God's plan

Now in Num 9-10, they're *actually going to move* toward the Promised Land for the 1<sup>st</sup> time since receiving the Law & Tabernacle

They're no longer leaving slavery; they been IDed w/ Jehovah God

They're now taking their 1<sup>st</sup> steps toward freedom!

**Today, we'll see obedience in motion. Here are 5 keys to putting Obedience Into Motion**

# **1<sup>st</sup> key to putting Obedience Into Motion is Don't move until you know God's mind (Chap 9:1-14)**

Read Chap 9:1-5

1. As they prepare to leave, they 1<sup>st</sup> celebrate remembrance of the Passover – it's 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary

Read Chap 9:6-8

1. Moses has to deal w/ a new problem
2. It's new – and not addressed in the Law
3. Aren't all possible situations recorded in Law? No
  - a. Even under the Law, they were designed to have daily dependance on God
  - b. So much more today
4. The whole nation is ready to move for 1<sup>st</sup> time.
  - a. There's pressure just to ignore these folks
  - b. Moses doesn't agree or deny, but he waits

Read Chap 9:9-14

1. God's grace to do it 1 month later when clean.
2. Clean people can't skip the 1<sup>st</sup> option

## **2<sup>nd</sup> key to putting Obedience Into Motion is Move on truth not on ease of situation (Chap 9:15-23)**

Read Chap 9:15-21

1. So they'll be led by cloud at day & fire at night
2. What if it was the middle of the night?
  - a. Does that seem hard? Why God!
  - b. Maybe leaving at night was God's grace!
    - i. What if there was food just ahead that would spoil if they didn't get there soon?
    - ii. What if wilds animals were about to attack?
3. Whether easy or hard they had to obey

Read Chap 9:22-23

1. They needed both responsiveness AND patience
2. They moved when God told them...
  - a. Not when it "seemed right" to them
  - b. Not when it "seemed easy" to them
3. Their lives were based in truth not ease.
4. To be able to live like this it takes....trust.

## **3<sup>rd</sup> key to putting Obedience Into Motion is Readiness to listen & move (Chap 10:1-10)**

Read Chap 10:1-6

1. Vs 1-4 – blow 1 trumpet – leaders gather
2. Vs 5-6 – blow an alarm – Start journeying in the right tribe order

Read Chap 10:7-10

1. Vs 7-8 – blow both trumpets - everyone gathers
2. Vs 9 – blow an alarm (in the land) – go to war
3. Vs 10 – blow trumpets 1<sup>st</sup> of each month

Application

1. Our part in a relationship w/ God is that of response. God initiated everything, we respond
2. As we're doing "our business" we're listening for God to initiate a work that we'll respond to.
3. Read Act 17:11 – Bereans & Read II Cor 10:5-6
4. Our obedience is in response to His action
5. We move when He speaks (His Word & Spirit)

## **4<sup>th</sup> key to putting Obedience Into Motion is Actual physical movement (Chap 10:11-28)**

Read Chap 10:11-13

1. The very day that the make-up Passover was over, they set out together
2. Leaving Sinai and headed to Paran

Read Chap 10:14-21

1. East Tribes set out - Judah, Issachar & Zebulun
2. South Tribes set out – Reuben, Simeon & Gad
3. Levites set out next

Read Chap 10:22-28

1. West Tribes set out – Ephraim, Manasseh, Benjamin
2. North Tribes set out – Dan, Asher, Naphtali

## Application

1. For first time... they're moving!
  - a. They're not headed away from slavery but toward victory!
2. What do you need to do to get rid of sin, slavery and darkness?
  - a. Just believe God by faith, turn on the light, walk toward the truth!
3. Obedience isn't obedience if it's only in your thoughts and mind.
  - a. Must come out thru your hands & feet!

**5<sup>th</sup> key to putting Obedience Into Motion is Use your earthly resources (Chap 10:29-32)**

Read Chap 10:29

1. Moses' Father-in-law, named Reguel or Jethro, has already gone back to Midian.
2. Now Moses' Brother-in-law, Hobab is offered to stay and go with them to the Promised Land

## Read Chap 10:30-32

1. Moses offers to protect Hobab & his family knowing that Hobab knows the area well.
  - a. Hobab can be their guide of the land
  - b. Hobab knows the cultures & critters
2. Hobab seems to agree to go w/ them
  - a. Jud 4:11 – speaks of the Kenites, descendants of Hobab

## Application

1. Let the Lord lead, but He gives very natural, earthly resources that we should use!
2. God is always giving good reasons to believe that He's making a way forward, for us to obey.

## Read 10:33-36

1. Padan was only a 3 day's journey
2. They're now on the edge of the Promised Land



## Conclusion

Do you want to know that you're living in obedience to the God you love?

- 1. Don't move until you know God's mind**
  - a. Don't guess at God's will
  - b. Living w/ the Lord is designed to be a walk of faith day by day
- 2. Move on truth, not on ease of situation**
  - a. Follow the principles of God's Word, not whatever is the easiest path
  - b. We need patience & responsiveness
- 3. Have a readiness to listen and move**
  - a. God = initiator of salvation, we're the responders
  - b. God is the initiator in our daily life, we're the responders. *Be ready to listen and act!!!!*
- 4. Actually, physically move**
  - a. No substitute for actually doing it
- 5. Use your earthly resources**
  - a. God often provides naturally, use it!