

# Numbers 5-8 –22 October 2020

## “Intentional Preparedness”

### Introduction

\*Now that Israel’s identity is established, by the Law & Tabernacle, God shifts the focus to preparing them for victory in the Promised Land

\*A land w/ cities they didn’t build & fields they didn’t plant (what grace of God!)

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 will show them how to move forward into this victory

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

**Today, here are 3 tips for preparing yourself for the promised victory**

**1<sup>st</sup> Tip for preparing yourself for the promised victory is Get as clean & open as you can (Chap 5&6)**

Intro to Chap 5 –

1. John 13:4-10 – Jesus washes disciple's feet
  - a. 'Taking a bath' is a picture of being cleansed at salvation
  - b. 'Washing feet' is a picture of cleansing from the sin of daily life.
2. We need to aim for daily cleanliness, wanting to be as pure as we can (Aim for center triangle)

## Read Chap 5:1-4

1. This section details moving forward from *sins or imperfections that can't be resolved without God's grace and time.*
2. If it can't be resolved, get rid of it.
  - a. The goal is still to restore the person so everyone can move forward together
  - b. Get rid of it, b/c God won't work among sin

## Read Chap 5:5-10

1. This section details moving forward from *sins that CAN (and should be) resolved*
2. This is simple to understand & hard to do
  - a. Confession and restitution
3. If the person offended or their family isn't around to give restitution money to, give to priest.
  - a. There is ALWAYS s way to confess and forsake our sin.

## Read Chap 5:11-15

1. Vs 11-31 details moving forward from unknown situation where there may have been sin
2. Whether the adultery happened or not, the one thinks that it did brings a trespass offering
  - a. This is to cover, in case there was sin
  - b. At times, we just don't know if sin happened
3. 'A spirit of jealousy' – Today we say, someone has 'trust issues'.
  - a. Right to be jealous of your spouse
  - b. Wrong to be jealous of what's not yours

## Read Chap 5:16-31

1. Women takes oath affirming no adultery
2. Then drinks of the water w/ some dirt in in
  - a. God will miraculously deal w/ the one IF they did actually sin
3. Principle: Turn them over to God
  - a. You're either gonna play detective & stir up more sin (you / them) or you release it to God.

## Intro to Chap 6

1. This chapter detail the Nazarite Vow
  - a. Not the word for “from Nazareth”
  - b. This word means ‘to separate’
2. Nazarite Vow is a picture of the epitome of being clean and set apart for God
  - a. Where’s your heart?
  - b. One taking Vow isn’t settling for clean, but desires to always be clean & open before God

## Read Chap 6:1-8

1. 3 Rituals for this vow representing separation from the enemies of our cleanliness
  - a. No wine – shows separation from the world
    - i. We too, are to avoid intoxicants
  - b. No razor – shows separation from the flesh
    - i. We too, are to deny self to serve the spirit
  - c. Don’t touch the dead – shows separation from the devil
    - i. We too, are to come out from dead (Eph 5:14)

## Read Chap 6:9-12

1. If vow is broken, it must be started over
2. And offer Sin, Burnt, & Trespass Offerings

## Read Chap 6:13-17

1. Now with the vow complete, he offers not just the Burnt & Sin offerings, but also the Peace & Meal offerings
  - a. Peace = Fellowship
  - b. Meal or Grain – Worship of God

## Read Chap 6:18-21

1. The shaved hair is to be burnt on the fire of the peace offering

It's possible that Jesus took the Nazirite vow

1. Matt 26:29 – “I will not drink of fruit of the...”
  - a. We know this is part of marriage supper
2. In all Jesus resurrected appearance, He ate, but didn't drink & only with Christians (not dead)

Read Chap 6:22-27

1. The Aaronic Blessing
2. Would remind them to wish well to each other.
3. A blessing has depth of meaning

**2<sup>nd</sup> Tip for preparing yourself for the promised victory is Yield to God's Spirit within you (Chap 7)**

Read Chap 7:1-9

1. 12 tribe leaders offer freely of their will
2. Gershon got 2 wagons; had curtain & software
3. Merari got 4 wagons; had poles & hardware
4. God, thru men, gave them the right amt of resources to handle the load they were given.
  - a. It takes the yieldedness of people to see great things move in the Kingdom of God
  - b. To head God's way, we simply allow Him to take us the direction He wants

## Chap 7:11-83 (Read Vs 11-17)

1. 12 tribe's individual offerings, one per day
2. What does the repetition here indicate?
  - a. God's individual attention for each person
  - b. God's sheer delight in freewill offerings!
3. God's delights to use us
  - a. These items all belonged to God and He freely gave to them when they left Egypt
  - b. But that they freely gave, that's delightful!

## Read Chap 7:84-88

1. So the sum of all freewill offerings

## Read Chap 7:89

1. Moses now hears God speak from Mercy Seat

## **3<sup>rd</sup> Tip for preparing yourself for the promised victory is to Accept your role (Chap 8)**

Read Chap 8:1-4

1. The golden Menorah is made and lit
2. What of beautiful picture of shining God's light to the world

Chap 8:5-22 (Read Vs 5-14 & 22)

1. Sin, Burnt & Meat offerings were made to dedicate the Levites
2. Similar to when the priests were dedicated
3. Levites have a very practical role to play
  - a. Both priests & Levites were dedicated in similar way, although had very different roles
  - b. That God has this ceremony to dedicate them shows the important of their role
4. Later Korah, the Levite, & others will rebel and want to be priests & take Moses position
  - a. Women wanting to be pastors is the same
  - b. God's response: Read Num 16:9

## Read Chap 8:23-26

1. 25-50 yr olds are now ready to service
  - a. Cf Numbers 4:3 that says 30 yrs old – maybe a 5 yr apprenticeship
  - b. David later changes it to 20 yrs old

## Conclusion

In Num 1-4 God encouraged them w/ what He has already given them for victory in the PL

Now in Num 5-8 God gives 3 tips to prepare ourselves to take the victory

- 1. Get as clean and open to God as you can**
  - a. Resolve every sin you know of
  - b. The ones that can't be resolve, turn them over to God
- 2. Yield to God's Spirit within you**
  - a. God uses people to accomplish His will
  - b. As we yield, unnatural things WILL happen
- 3. Accept your role**
  - a. God has designed you for YOUR mission
  - b. Don't covet another's role, appreciate yours

Coming in Chap 9-10 they'll hold the Passover & then start travelling to the Promised Land