

WILDERNESS LESSONS # 5

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I. Review

A. Theme Verse

1 Co 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it. (1Co 9:24 - 10:1-13)

B. We are looking at Num 33 (also Ex 12:37 - 19:2)

There are 40 places that they "journey from", and "camp at".

C. Previous places:

Their journey beginning place was Rameses
Rameses = Evil is the standard bearer.

Camp #1 They leave Rameses and camp in Succoth.
Succoth = Booths; tents, tabernacles

Camp #2 They journey from Succoth and camp in Etham.
Etham = Boundary; their strength

Camp # 3 They journey from Etham and camp in Hahiroth
Hahiroth, = The mouth of wrath; the opening of liberty
Israel passes through the Red Sea; (their final deliverance from Egypt)

Camp # 4 They journey from Hahiroth and camp in Marah
Marah = bitter or bitterness
God reveals Himself to Israel as Jehovah-Rapha - "LORD your healer".

Camp # 5 They journey from Marah and camp in Elim
Elim = the strong robust tree; or the strong stags;
God provides quail & manna; the Sabbath is instituted.

II. By the Red Sea (camp #6)

Num 33:10 They journeyed from Elim and camped by the Red Sea.

A. Definition of Red Sea = to come to an end

B. Significance of the number six = Six is the number of man, flesh.

When our trust is in people and in natural strength, we are living under a curse

Jer 17:5 Thus says the LORD, "Cursed is the man who trusts in mankind and makes flesh his strength, and whose heart turns away from the LORD.

(See also Ps 20:7; 52:7; 118:8-9; 146:3-4; Isa 2:22; 31:1)

C. Through Christ we embrace death; we come to an end ...

Consider yourself **dead to sin**

Ro 6:9-11 knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, is never to die again; death no longer is master over Him. 10 For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. 11 Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

We are to **die to the Law** (legalism).

Rom 7:4 Therefore, my brethren, you also were made to die to the Law through the body of Christ, so that you might be joined to another, to Him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit for God.

We are to **put to death the deeds of the body**.

Ro 8:13 ... but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

We are to **die daily**.

1Cor 15:31 ... by the boasting in you which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.

Embracing the **sentence of death** results in trusting in God and not ourselves.

2Cor 1:8-10 ... that we were burdened excessively, beyond our strength, so that we despaired even of life; 9 indeed, we had the sentence of death within ourselves so that we would not trust in ourselves, but in God who raises the dead; 10 who delivered us from so great a peril of death, and will deliver us, He on whom we have set our hope. And He will yet deliver us,

We embrace death to release **the life of Jesus** within us.

2Cor 4:11 For we who live are constantly being delivered over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. (Rom 8:36)

We embrace death so that we may **know Him**.

Phil 3:10-11 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death ; 11 in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

We are to **die to sin and live to righteousness**.

1Pt 2:24 and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.

Our need to die to self:

Webster's Unabridged Third New International Dictionary has 496 compound Self words in it. Many of these words would be used in a neutral way, many also would be used in either a positive or negative way, as seen below.

Positive Self- words:

| | | | | | | |
|--------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| -abandonment | -denial | -acting | -adjustment | -assertion | -care | -control |
| -confident | -conscious | -consistent | -satisfied | -content | -control | -defense |
| -denial | -dependence | -determination | -directed | -discipline | -drive | -knowing |
| -knowledge | -legislation | Selfless | -mastery | -motive | -organized | -perpetuating |
| -poised | -possessed | -powered | -reliant | -pride | -protection | -reflection |
| -reform | -regard | -regulation | -reliance | -respect | -restraint | -renunciation |
| -revealing | -rewarding | -ruling | -sacrifice | -satisfied | -scrutiny | -preservation |
| -searching | -secure | -seeking | -starter | -study | -subdued | -subsistent |
| -sufficient | -support | -surrender | -sustained | -validating | | |

Negative Self- words:

| | | | | | | |
|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|------------|-------------|--------------|
| -abasement | -absorbed | -abuse | -accusation | -conceit | -applause | -castigation |
| -centered | -conceit | -condemnation | -contempt | -criticism | -deception | -defeating |
| -deluded | -depreciating | -despair | -destroy | -distrust | -doubt | -exaltation |
| -flattery | -glorification | -gratification | -congratulation | -hate | -importance | -imposed |
| -indulged | -interested | Selfish | - justifying | -lost | -love | - righteous |
| -mortification | -opinionated | Selfishness | -pity | -praise | -proclaimed | -punishment |
| -questioning | - recrimination | -repression | -reproach | -serving | - made | - repugnant |
| -torment | -violence | -will | -worship | -wrong | | |

D. Twenty six Bible references of the Red Sea in eight categories:

1) The plague of locust came from here (Ex 10:19).

2) Where the horse, rider, Pharaoh and his army are drowned in the Red Sea (Ex 15:4; Dt 11:4; Jos 2:10; 4:23; 24:6; Ne 9:9-10; Ps 106:9, 22; 136:13-15; Jer 49:21; Ac 7:36; Heb11:29)

3) The 6th camping place in the wilderness(Ex 13:18; 15:22; Num 33:10-11)

4) The plague of the serpents; the bronze serpent (Nu 21:1-9).

Nu 21:1-9 When the Canaanite, the king of Arad, who lived in the Negev, heard that Israel was coming by the way of Atharim, then he fought against Israel and took some of them captive. 2 So Israel made a vow to the LORD and said, "If You will indeed deliver this people into my hand, then I will utterly destroy their cities." 3 The LORD heard the voice of Israel and delivered up the Canaanites; then they utterly destroyed them and their cities. Thus the name of the place was called Hormah. 4 Then they set out from Mount Hor by the way of the Red Sea , to go around the land of Edom; and the people became impatient because of the journey. 5 The people spoke against God and Moses, " Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this miserable food." The LORD sent fiery serpents among the people and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. 7 So the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, because we have spoken against the LORD and you; intercede with the LORD, that He may remove the serpents from us." And Moses interceded for the people. 8 Then the LORD said to Moses, " Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a standard; and it shall come about, that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, he will live." 9 And Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on the standard; and it came about, that if a serpent bit any man, when he looked to the bronze serpent, he lived.

(see also Dt 8:15; 1Cor 10:9; Jn 3:14-15; 12:32)

5) They return to this place after their unbelief - from the bad report of the 10 spies.

Nu 14:24-25 "But My servant Caleb, because he has had a different spirit and has followed Me fully, I will bring into the land which he entered, and his descendants shall take possession of it. 25 "Now the Amalekites and the Canaanites live in the valleys; turn tomorrow and set out to the wilderness by the way of the Red Sea ." (Dt 1:34-40; Ps 106:7)

6) This is the place where God says "You have circled this mountain long enough."

Dt 2:1-3 "Then we turned and set out for the wilderness by the way to the Red Sea, as the LORD spoke to me, and circled Mount Seir for many days. 2 "And the LORD spoke to me, saying, 3'You have circled this mountain long enough. ...

7) It is one of the boundary [lines] of the "Promise Land," of Canaan (Ex 23:31).

8) King Solomon built a fleet of ships ...on the shore of the Red Sea (1 Ki 9:26-28).

III. Camps 7-9

A. wilderness of Sin (camp #7)

Num 33:11 journeyed from the Red Sea and camped in the wilderness of Sin. (Ex 16:1; 17:1)

Definition of Sin = Clay; thorn; mire;
(the root word means to be muddy or clayey).

B. Dophkah (camp #8)

Num 33:12-13 journeyed from the wilderness of Sin and camped at Dophkah.

Definition of Dophkah = 1. To knock; knocking; (root = to knock; to beat);
2. Beating (literally: you have beaten); 3. By analogy, to press severely.

C. Alush (camp #9)

Num 33:13 journeyed from Dophkah and camped at Alush.

Definition of Alush = a crowd of men; I will knead (bread).

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