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TEACHINGS IN THE BOOK OF NUMBERS (I)

“At the command of the Lord they remained encamped, and at the command of the Lord they journeyed; they kept the charge of the Lord, at the command of the Lord by the hand of Moses.” (Numbers 9:23)

Objectives

Knowledge of God's Will	The Israelites' journey describes God's guidance, provision, training, and chastisement, all to transform His children into a holy nation.
Knowledge of God	God is our heavenly Father who provides all we need. He is our commander, and Lord of hosts. God works tirelessly to save mankind, and He is the author and finisher of our faith.
Good Work	Revere and fear God, and be faithful in His commands. Have faith and trust in His power and presence, knowing that He is giving what is best for us.

A. Numbering the People (Num 1:1–46)

1. *To know their identity:* Proving each man's legitimate heritage as Abraham's descendant was important. Similarly, when we are baptized, our names are registered in the Book of Life, making us members of the household of God and partakers in God's inheritance.
2. *To prepare for warfare:* Taking a census of the able-bodied determined their military strength. This reminds us that every believer is a Christian soldier in God's army.
3. *To know their duties:* A census enabled Moses to assign specific tasks and duties to the tribes. We need to identify and utilize the gifts that God has given us to edify the church.
4. *To distribute their inheritance:* Their population size determined how much land each tribe received. Likewise, the more we serve God, the greater our future rewards will be.

B. Encampment and Marching Order (Num 2:1–34)

1. *All the tribes pitched their tents according to their camps:* Paul exhorted the church to do things decently and in order. This also applies to our daily lives.
2. *Each camp was made up of three tribes:* As members of God's household, we should promote greater understanding between members and show care for every individual.
3. *The tabernacle was in the middle of the camp:* God should be the center of our lives. In all that we do, we need to seek His way and glorify Him.

C. The Pillar of Cloud and Fire (Num 9:15–23)

1. *To abide with them:* Just as the pillar abided with the Israelites, the Holy Spirit is our counselor and Helper, sent by God to help us on our journey to the heavenly kingdom.
2. *To guide and direct their steps:* The Israelites marched or stayed as God directed. We too need to fix our eyes on Jesus and follow His lead.

D. The Sound of the Trumpets (Num 10:1–10)

1. *They gave instruction:* Like the trumpets, the Bible can cleanse, sanctify, and equip us.
2. *Made of hammered silver:* Likewise, the gospel was established through Jesus' suffering.
3. *Blown by the priests:* We must also communicate with our fellow brethren.
4. *Blown during wartime:* Sharing the gospel is a type of spiritual warfare.
5. *Blown during feasts:* We should not forget that all our blessings are from God.

Life Application

1. Whose Way Is It Going to Be?
2. Making Jesus Our Commander

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Lesson 1 Homework Assignment

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	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

Memory Verse (Numbers 9:23):

1. What can we learn from the memory verse about how we should live our own lives?
2. "The _____ of the LORD *are* _____, *like* _____ tried in a _____ of earth, _____ seven times." (Psalm 12:6)
3. Pick one of the four reasons they took a census and explain what it teaches us about our own lives.
4. Explain in detail two of the lessons that you learned from the sound of the trumpets
 - a.
 - b.
5. Can you think of an aspect in your life in which you avoid saying, "Have it Your way," to God?
6. Was there ever a time when you or someone you know made Jesus their commander? Briefly share.