

## Introduction:

- a. Where is Tim
  - i. Portland, Oregon: Healing the Mind Seminar
  - ii. Tim should be here next week (scheduled)
  
1. Unfinished business
  - a. Moses in the "Tent of Meeting"
    - i. Exodus 33:7 - outside the camp
      - (1) temporary tent
      - (2) mentioned before the completion of the sanctuary tent
    - ii. Exodus 40 - Sanctuary was completed & assembled
    - iii. Exodus 40:35 implies that Moses went into the sanctuary as a matter of course
    - iv. First eight chapters of Leviticus is the assembly of the sanctuary and installation of the priests with their duties
    - v. Leviticus 9:23 - Moses and Aaron entered the sanctuary tent
    - vi. Numbers 1:1 - God talked to Moses in the sanctuary tent of meeting
    - vii. Numbers 7:89 - God is talking to Moses in the most holy place
    - viii. Numbers 13 - Moses, Aaron & Miriam are outside the tent of meeting (implied the sanctuary)
    - ix. Numbers 17:7 - Moses entered and placed the staffs of the tribes before the covenant box
  
2. Lesson #5: From Complaints to Apostasy
  - a. Numbers 11 - 14
  - b. Some of the biggest mistakes (most notorious) of the Children of Israel
    - i. Complaints about food
    - ii. Miriam & Aaron's rebellion
    - iii. Ten spies terrible report & rebellion of people

- c. Deuteronomy 1:2 (It takes eleven days to travel from Mount Sinai to Kadesh Barnea by way of the hill country of Edom.)
  - i. How long does it take to make us rebellious?

3. **Memory Text:** Read Philippians 2:14, 15

- a. Footnote in NASB:
  - i. 1 Peter 4:9 Hospitable to one another without complaining
  - ii. 1 Corinth 10:10 Nor grumble as some of them did and were destroyed by the destroyer
  - iii. Philippians 2:14 Amplified Version: “14 Do all things without grumbling and faultfinding and complaining [against God] and questioning and doubting [among yourselves],” AMP
  
- b. Why will Christians shine as stars?
  - i. What makes stars stand out in the night sky?
  - ii. The contrast
  - iii. They have light against a background of darkness
    - (1) Light = truth
    - (2) Darkness: absence of light; lies about God
    - (3) It will not make any difference if you know all the truth but have not allowed God’s truth to change and transform your life.
  
- c. What type of things are we to do without complaining?
  - i. Is this Christian duties? Witnessing, teaching, etc
  - ii. Church duties? Potluck, Deacon duties, committees
  - iii. Everyday duties at work?
  
- d. 1 Corinthians 13 and its positive wording
  
- e. Don’t our thoughts have consequences on our character and on our physical well being?
  - i. Sermon on the Mount

- (1) What you think is important
  - (a) PET scanner and thoughts vs activities

4. **Sabbath Afternoon Lesson:**

- a. Read first two paragraphs: “When the pillar. . .”
- b. Last sentence of second paragraph “One would think. . .”
  - i. Thoughts?
    - (1) Has there ever been a generation
      - (a) Has more access to God’s word
      - (b) Known more about God
      - (c) Had more revelation about God by the history of His dealings with mankind
  - ii. What did Christ say was the most convincing evidence of God’s leading and His will?
  - iii. What did Christ say?
    - (1) Luke 16:31
      - (a) Parable of Rich Man & Lazarus
      - (b) “If someone from the dead. . .”
    - (2) Do we have other texts to support this concept?
    - (3) Did this come true?
      - (a) John 12:9 - 11
      - (b) Planned to kill Lazarus (Christ’s disciple) because he had risen from the dead and was a witness to Jesus’ authenticity

5. **Sunday’s Lesson:** Numbers 11 - The Sin of Ingratitude

- a. The story
  - i. 1 - 2: Rebellion & fire
  - ii. 4 - 10, Complaining of manna
  - iii. 11 - 15, Moses complaints about his responsibilities
  - iv. 16 - 17, Choosing of 70 Elders to assist in leadership
  - v. 18 - 23, 31 - 35 Meat in the form of quail to satisfy them

- b. Shaded question at bottom of page: “Be careful what you ask for or pray for. . .”
  - i. Does the Lord give us “bad” things?
    - (1) Quail in desert
    - (2) fish after resurrection
    - (3)
  - ii. Does the Lord let us have our own way?
    - (1) Our own way?
    - (2) Our own desires?
      - (a) Ps 37:4 “He will give you the desires of your heart.”
        - (i) What does that mean?
  - iii. Freedom
  - iv. Parents: what did / do you give to your children?
    - (1) Matthew 7:7 - 11
    - (2) Luke 11:9 - 13
  - v. What does this question imply about God?
    - (1) Do you agree with the assumption?

6. **Monday’ Lesson:** Pressures of Leadership

- a. Moses’ lack of trust in leadership
  - i. Moses doubted whether he personally had enough strength to lead the people
    - (1) God would not ask something we cannot do.
  - ii. vv. 24: If Moses did not believe that God would fulfill His word, do you think he would have gone out and told the people what he did?
- b. Paragraph #3: “Despite the mistakes of Moses. . .”
  - i. The 70 elders “Prophesied”
    - (1) What was the difference between the two occasions?
    - (2) What were the similarities?
    - (3) What is the result of the outpouring of the Spirit upon someone? The will tell others about God

- (4) What symbolism do you find between prophesying within the tabernacle and outside in the camp?
- (5) Naba - speak (or sing) by inspiration (in prediction or simple discourse)
  - (a) Joel 2:28 - 32
    - (i) Used by Peter to describe Pentecost in Acts 2:17
    - (ii) New testament use of the gift of prophecy is similar
- (6) What do you expect to happen in the last days at the time of the “latter rain?” What should that tell us about the “latter rain” experience?
- c. Read the shaded comments and question at bottom of page. Thoughts?

7. **Tuesday’s Lesson:** Numbers 12 - Family Nastiness

- a. Jealousy and envy
- b. Read bold type questions in middle of page.
  - i. “What should this sordid story tell us about how God views the bad attitudes revealed by his people?”
    - (1) Like a sickness that needs to be quarantined
    - (2) We can be purified if we will let God heal us
    - (3) The camp did not travel with Miriam outside the camp.
      - (a) Why not?
      - (b) What does this say?
- c. Read the shaded area at the bottom of the page. “Despite the powerful . . .”
  - i. What method do you use to purge the bad attitudes from your heart?
    - (1) Jeremiah 17:9, 10, 14 describe the human heart, God alone can heal it, but only if we are willing.
    - (2) Galatians 5:22-25 But the Spirit produces love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, (23) humility,

and self-control. There is no law against such things as these. (24) And those who belong to Christ Jesus have put to death their human nature with all its passions and desires. (25) The Spirit has given us life; he must also control our lives.

(3) **2 Corinth 3:18 By beholding we are changed into His likeness**

(a) **we are changed into the likeness of the god we worship**

(b) "A legal religion has been thought quite the correct religion for this time. But it is a mistake. The rebuke of Christ to the Pharisees is applicable to those who have lost from the heart their first love. A cold, legal religion can never lead souls to Christ; for it is a loveless, Christless religion. When fastings and prayers are practiced in a self-justifying spirit, they are abominable to God. The solemn assembly for worship, the round of religious ceremonies, the external humiliation, the imposed sacrifice-- all proclaim to the world the testimony that the doer of these things considers himself righteous. These things call attention to the observer of rigorous duties, saying, This man is entitled to heaven. But it is all a deception. Works will not buy for us an entrance into heaven. The one great Offering that has been made is ample for all who will believe. The love of Christ will animate the believer with new life. He who drinks from the water of the fountain of life, will be filled with the new wine of the kingdom. Faith in Christ will be the means whereby the right spirit and motive will actuate the believer, and all goodness and heavenly-mindedness will proceed from him who looks unto Jesus, the author and finisher of his faith. Look up to God, look not to men. God is your heavenly Father who is willing patiently to bear with your infirmities, and to forgive and heal them. "This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent" (John 17:3). By beholding Christ, you will become changed, until you will hate your former pride, your former vanity and self-esteem, your self-righteousness and unbelief. You will cast these sins aside as a worthless burden, and walk humbly, meekly, trustfully, before God. You will practice love, patience, gentleness,

goodness, mercy, and every grace that dwells in the child of God, and will at last find a place among the sanctified and holy. {1SM 388.1}

- (c) We should earnestly seek to know and appreciate the truth, that we may present it to others as it is in Jesus. We need to have a correct estimate of the value of our own souls; then we would not be as reckless in regard to our course of action as at present. We would seek most earnestly to know God's way; we would work in an opposite direction from selfishness, and our constant prayer would be that we might have the mind of Christ, that we might be molded and fashioned after his likeness. It is in looking to Jesus and beholding his loveliness, having our eyes steadfastly fixed upon him, that we become changed into his image. He will give grace to all that keep his way, and do his will, and walk in truth. But those who love their own way, who worship their idols of opinion, and do not love God and obey his word, will continue to walk in darkness. O, how terrible is unbelief! As well let light be poured upon the blind, as to present truth to these souls; the one cannot see, and the other will not see. {RH, December 23, 1890 par. 4}

8. **Wednesday's Lesson: Numbers 13 - At the Borders**

- a. Read Numbers 13:1 - 3
- i. Read Deuteronomy 1:19-23
  - ii. Does this bother you about the difference in how it is described?
  - iii. What does this tell you about God, that He would take the blame for something we did?
    - (1) Does it change the outcome or our actions?
    - (2) Does it change the relationship between us and Him?
- b. Concept: If we were living back then, we would not have rebelled and needed to wander in the wilderness forty years.
- i. What is the difference between your life and that of a member of the children of Israel told in this story?

- ii. Did the decision about the trip to the promised land have anything directly to their daily chores?
- iii. What is our goal?
- iv. What has Christ commanded / promised us to do?
- v. Although our goal and our daily walk / work may not be visibly connected, how we live our lives is directly connected to our perception of our goal and direction.
- vi. We are to share with God everything in our lives.
  - (1) 1 Peter 5:7 Leave all your worries with him, because he cares for you.
  - (2) Had the purpose of God been carried out by His people in giving to the world the message of mercy, Christ would, ere this, have come to the earth, and the saints would have received their welcome into the city of God.--6T 450
  - (3) Jesus freely offers salvation. "The Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." Jesus says, "Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." This offer embraces all who accept Christ individually. The invitation "Come" is to be echoed by every soul who is a partaker of the divine nature. Christ was standing only a few steps from the heavenly throne when he gave his commission to his disciples. Including as missionaries all who should believe on his name, he said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." God's power was to go with them. If those who claimed to have a living experience in the things of God had done their appointed work as the Lord ordained, the whole world would have been warned ere this, and the Lord Jesus would have come in power and great glory. For God has appointed a day in the which he will judge the world. He tells us when that day shall come,--"This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Jesus wants every minister to whom he has committed a trust, to be faithful, to remember his injunctions, to contemplate the vastness of the work, and upon how large a number the obligation rests.

"Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." {RH, October 6, 1896 par. 7}

- c. Afternoon assignment: Read entire 1 Peter, Chapter 5

9. **Thursday's Lesson:** Numbers 14 - Back to Egypt

- a. Were all of the children of Israel baptized?
- b. Were they all part of God's people?
- c. Were they all converted?
- d. How many wanted to return to Egypt?
- e. How many suffered a forty year sojourn in the wilderness?
  - i. Can you think of groups who were part of this process?
    - (1) Adult males
    - (2) Adult females
    - (3) Children
    - (4) Moses
    - (5) Joshua
    - (6) Caleb
- f. How many were lost to the promised land?
- g. How many were lost to the kingdom?
- h. Imagine the lessons taught along the way to the children?
- i. Are there any lessons for us today about what direction we are going?
- j. A story of faith:
  - i. Joshua 14:6 - 15

10. **Friday's Lesson:** Additional Reading and Discussion Questions

- a. Read the summary
- b. The last sentence says "the nation crossed the line. . ."
  - i. What was the line that they crossed?
  - ii. How do you know?
  - iii. What were they willing to do?

- iv. (They stopped listening to God, chose another leader, went their own way, disregarded God's advice and plans for them.)
- v. What were God's options?
  - (1) What did He do?
  - (2) Why?
  - (3) Remember this was Christ leading them at all times.
  - (4) Consider 1 Corinthians 13 reworded.

11. Teacher's Notes in quarterly

- a. How have you felt when your children or employees responded to you rebelliously?
- b. How can you identify with God and Moses as they dealt with these attitudes and actions?
- c. Does God act like / have the same emotions we do?
  - i. Or are we supposed to act like and have the same emotions like God does?
- d. What does it mean to be made in the image of God?
- e. Should we not only be made in the image of Love?
- f. Care for another at the expense of self?
- g. Act in the best interests of another?

12. **1 Corinthians 13 in all positive statements**

a. 1 Corinthians 13:4-13

i. 4:

- (1) Love is patient
- (2) Love is kind
- (3) is not jealous
  - (a) Love is trusting & non-controlling
- (4) love does not brag
  - (a) Is self deprecating (?)
- (5) is not arrogant
  - (a) love is humble

ii. 5:

- (1) does not act unbecomingly
  - (a) acts becomingly
- (2) it does not seek its own
  - (a) is seeking for the best interest of others
- (3) is not provoked
  - (a) is calm
- (4) does not take into account a wrong suffered
  - (a) is forgiving

iii. 6:

- (1) does not rejoice in unrighteousness
  - (a) rejoices in doing what is right
- (2) rejoices with the truth

iv. 7:

- (1) bears all things
- (2) believes all things
- (3) hopes all things
- (4) endures all things

v. 8:

- (1) Love never fails
- (2) but if there are gifts of prophecy, they will be done away; if there are tongues, they will cease; if there is knowledge, it will be done away. 9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part; 10 but when the perfect comes, the partial

will be done away. 11 When I was a child, I used to speak like a child, think like a child, reason like a child; when I became a man, I did away with childish things. 12 For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then I will know fully just as I also have been fully known. 13 But now faith, hope, love, abide these three; but the greatest of these is love