

Preparing the People & Tabernacle for the Promised Land

Numbers 5:1-10:10

I. Where We are in Numbers

II. Consecrating the Camp (5-6)

- A. First, they must move those who are unclean outside the camp (5:1-4).
- B. Second, there must be right relating to others (Num. 5:5-10).
- C. Third, there must be fidelity and trust in marriages (5:11-31).
- D. Fourth, people can voluntarily consecrate themselves to the Lord for special seasons of service, even if they are not Levites (6:1-21).

III. The Blessing of God's People (Num. 6:22-27)

- A. All blessing comes from God ("the Lord...")
- B. The blessings are
 1. **Keep you** – guard you
 2. **Be gracious to you** – give what is needed in terms of forgiveness, help, provision.
 3. **Give you peace** – Shalom – More than absence of conflict. Refers to total well-being.

IV. Stocking the Tabernacle for Worship & Travel (Num 7:1-8:4)

V. The Levites are Installed in Their Roles (Num. 8:5-26)

VI. Celebrating the Passover (9:1-14)

VII. God is Going with Them (9:15-10:10)

VIII. Conclusion

- A. Gospel: The Aaronic blessing is secure for us because of what Christ has done. He went outside the camp to take our sin and uncleanness (Heb. 13:12).
- B. "As the Lord commanded Moses" is repeated a lot. Do we live by God's words? Do we obey even if it contradicts what others or we think or want?