

NUMBERS 9 | SERMON NOTES

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OPEN: The Passover and The Gospel Message (**Reference:** 1 Corinthians 15:1-4)

Verses 1-12:

The importance of remembering how God set them free to freely worship Him.

- It was so important for them to do this that God gave them a 2nd Passover
 - 1.) God is Holy (Set apart) so He is to be worshipped in the context that He prescribes.
 - 2.) His Torah teaches us this concept.
- Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea
 - What about us? Do we remind ourselves that it was God Himself that saved us, not just Jesus, but God collectively.

Verses 13-14:

Judgment of neglecting to remind oneself of God's salvation: will bare their own sins.

- The Gospel is only 'Good News' for those will receive it.
- Cut off: *Karath* - to be destroyed; cut off a limb; eliminated; to be killed
 - It's not that God is lacking in self-esteem; it's us who need to be reminded that our Creator loves us, that He wanted to save them and us.
 - If you don't care then God can do nothing for you and you will be cut off.

God had his people (Israel) but all were welcome. (**Reference:** Numbers 9:14)

- But all Israel and the Gentiles still had to come one way, which was God's way. (**Reference:** John 14:6; Acts 4:12)
- (**Reference:** Ephesians 2:8-18) Paul wasn't teaching a new thing.

LESSON#1: This is more important for us to understand than it was for the Israelites. They could see forward how this would point to the Messiah. We look back and see what it cost God for His Son to become the Passover Lamb. (**Reference:** 1 Corinthians 10:1-11)

Verses 15-23:

God is on the move so they needed to be on the move; when God is still they are to be still.

- There is no set parameters for God's timing.
- The one thing that is set is they were to follow His command (7x) when to move or when to camp.
- What was the command? The lifting of the cloud. (**Reference:** Numbers 9:17)
 - It wasn't a verbal command.
- This cloud was called *kavod*: glory (fire cloud)
(**Reference:** Exodus 24:16-17, 2 Chronicles 7:1-3)
 - God enveloped Himself in this fire *kavod* (fire cloud)
- *Bimidbar*: In the wilderness. Where are they headed for? The land promised to them by God.
 - So it's not a man; not even Moses leading them in the direction of the promise, it's God Himself. (**Reference:** Numbers 9:18-19)
 - But they have to follow His commands which they did.
(**Reference:** Number 9:23 - They kept the Lord's charge.)

YHVH got them to the boarder of The Promise Land but they could not enter, why?
Because of unbelief.

LESSON#2: If God is faithful to save you (Passover) then He is faithful to fulfill His promise to you. We just have to follow His commands as we watch Him move in our lives and in others to show Himself faithful.

What sign is used to represent God's faithfulness to keep His promises? *Rainbow.*

- What was the rainbow enveloped in? (**Reference:** Genesis 9:13-16)
- Next time look for the cloud with the rainbow to remind yourself of God's promise of salvation and His faithfulness to keep His word.