

But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.

1 Corinthians 10:11–14

¹¹ Now **these things** happened to them *as an example*, but *they were written down for our instruction*, on whom the end of the ages has come. ¹² **Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall.**

¹³ No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it. ¹⁴ Therefore, my beloved, **flee from idolatry.**

Romans 6:21–23

²¹ But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For **the end of those things is death.** ²² *But now that you have been set free from sin* and have become *slaves of God*, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and **its end, eternal life.**

²³ For **the wages of sin is death**, but **the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Key Application

Strive for God's eternal reward;

Put off the old sin that easily entangles and put on the new way of life that leads to life!

What do you think Eternity is going to be like?

In the Wilderness: The Book of Numbers

[#31 in Series] (Numbers 26–36) **A Heart Turned Towards the Inheritance:**

Part 1, God Keeps His Word – Numbers 26

Sermon Outline – January 3, 2016

Children's Sermon: God's Word Matters Most

❖ Consider the blessed man...

❖ Consider the wicked man...

Psalm 1:1–5

¹ **Blessed is the man** who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; ² but *his delight is in the law of the Lord*, and *on his law he meditates day and night.* ³ He is *like a tree planted by streams of water* that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

⁴ **The wicked are not so**, but are *like chaff* that the wind drives away.

⁵ Therefore **the wicked will not stand in the judgment**, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous...

Introduction

Notes:

¹ *After the plague*, the Lord said to Moses and to Eleazar the son of Aaron, the priest, ² “**Take a census** of all the congregation of the people of Israel, from twenty years old and upward, by their fathers' houses, all in Israel who are able to go to war.”

Key Idea

God keeps his word: **unbelief leads to death** but **God will deliver his promised inheritance to Israel.**

Unbelief Leads to Death

Seduction by Moab (25; Phinehas, Plague 24,000)

The Numbering Tribe by Tribe: (26:1-51)

1. Reuben 43,730 (46,500)
 - * Dathan and Abiram (Korah's rebellion)
 - * “But the sons of Korah did not die.” (11)
2. Simeon 22,200 (59,300)
3. Gad 40,500 (45,650)
4. Judah 76,500 (74,600)
 - * Er and Onan (26:19 died in Canaan; Gen. 38:6-10)
5. Issachar 64,300 (54,400)

6. Zebulun 60,500 (57,400)
7. Manasseh¹ 52,700 (32,200)
8. Ephraim 32,500 (40,500)
9. Benjamin 45,600 (35,400)
10. Dan 64,400 (62,700)
11. Asher 53,400 (41,500)
12. Naphtali 45,400 (53,400)

The Total Number in Israel's Army 601,730 (603,550)

No Inheritance among the Tribes for Every Male Levite from a Month Old and Upward (57-62) (23,000/22,000)

⁶¹ But Nadab and Abihu died when they offered unauthorized fire before the Lord.

Summary of Census (63-65)

⁶³ These were those listed by Moses and Eleazar the priest, who listed the people of Israel in the plains of Moab by the Jordan at Jericho. ⁶⁴ *But among these there was not one of those listed by Moses and Aaron the priest, who had listed the people of Israel in the wilderness of Sinai.* ⁶⁵ **For the Lord had said** of them, *“They shall die in the wilderness.”* **Not one of them was left, except Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun.**

What does this teach us?

Beware the Wickedness of Unbelief

1 Peter 5:8

Be *sober-minded*; be *watchful*. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

“...our unbelief draws the focus away from God and onto ourselves. When faced with trials, unbelief doubts that God can really fulfill his promises and draws away the glory that is his due by leaving us in a state of frantic worry and despair. When we fear the future, God's glory is not on our lips and in our hearts. Likewise, when we encounter success, unbelief thinks that our triumphs are the result of our own gifts and efforts, not God's work. Once again, unbelief siphons off glory that ought

to go to God alone. Unbelief is thus a great sin because it is robbing God of some of the glory that is due his name.” ²

God's Blessings for True Israel

Romans 9:6, 8

⁶ But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For ***not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel...*** ⁸ This means that *it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring.*

Korah, a Story of Grace (11)

¹¹ But the sons of Korah did not die.

Although Dathan and Abiram were left without offspring, and Er and Onan had no one to carry on their name, and Nadab and Abihu were a dead end in the priestly line, we read that Korah's descendants were apparently not completely wiped out.³

Moses, Aaron & Miriam were Korahites (58-59)

Psalms Written by the Sons of Korah (Ps. 42-49; 84-85; 87-88)

Look to God's Reward (52-56)

⁵² The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, ⁵³ ***“Among these the land shall be divided for inheritance according to the number of names.*** ⁵⁴ To a large tribe you shall give a large inheritance, and to a small tribe you shall give a small inheritance; every tribe shall be given its inheritance *in proportion to its list.* ⁵⁵ **But the land shall be divided by lot.** According to the names of the tribes of their fathers they shall inherit. ⁵⁶ ***Their inheritance shall be divided according to lot between the larger and the smaller.”***

Luke 19:16-19 (10 Minas/Cities; 5 Minas/Cities)

Key Conclusion

*God's graciously rewards all who trust in him.
And his reward is rich and enduring!*

***Do not Shrink Back,
Cling to Faith, Hope & Love***

Hebrews 10:39

¹ Manasseh was listed after Ephraim in the 1st Census (Numbers 1:32-35).

² Duguid, I. M., & Hughes, R. K. (2006). *Numbers: God's presence in the wilderness* (p. 304). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Books.

³ Ibid. (p. 304).