



CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

NINILCHIK

JANUARY 29TH, 2023

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING



Numbers 21:1-35

In 1989, our dear shepherd at that time, Pastor Ron Blough, initiated our reading through a portion of the 66 books of the Bible as a congregation, typically a chapter each Sunday. Since then, we have been through the entire Bible one full time and are currently in Second Chronicles, the 14th book of the Bible. We pause our regular congregational reading for a special communion text.



TODAY'S SERVICE



1. Hymn #278 - "At Calvary"
 2. Opening Prayer & Announcements
 3. Hymn #469 - "Not I, but Christ"
 4. Hymn #74 - "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"
 5. Hymn #354 - "Look and Live"
 6. Reading: **Brother Eric K.**
 7. **Message:** "Look and Live"
 8. Communion
 9. Hymn #73 - "Lift Him Up!"
 10. Benediction
 11. Sunday Evening Bible Study
Holy War #61; James 2:20-26
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LOOK and LIVE
A Foreshadow of Christ's Cross

So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live. NUMBERS 21:9, ESV

I. the BREAKDOWN of the CHAPTER

A. a Numbering & a Wandering, Numbers 1-20

1. recording the numbers of the tribes, ch.1-10
2. refusal to enter the Promised Land, ch.11-19
3. rebellion of Moses & Aaron, ch.20

B. at this Point in their Journey, Numbers 21

1. the battle with Arad, vv1-3
2. the bronze serpent, vv4-9
3. the blessed water of life, vv10-20
4. the battle with Sihon, vv21-30
5. the battle with Og, vv31-39

II. the BLESSING from the TEXT

“And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life.”

JOHN 3:14-15, ESV

A. a Christ-Spoken Word to Nicodemus

1. a reference to the Law of Moses for the Pharisee, John 3:14-15
2. a reference of the lifting in the cross, John 12:32-34
3. a reference of the lifting in Christ's ascension, Acts 2:33 (John 3:13)

B. a Christ-Exalted Word from Numbers

1. sin, Num 21:4-5; Rom 3:10-12, 23
2. serpents, Num 21:6; 1 Cor 15:56a
3. seeking relief from the prophet, Num 21:7; 1 Cor 15:56b; Rom 10:17
4. setting the bronze serpent on a pole, Num 21:8-9a; John 3:14
 - a. *fiery serpent* - a symbol of sin, v8a; Gen 3:1
 - b. *pole* - a foreshadow of Christ's cross, 8b; Gal 3:13
 - c. *bronze* - metal of judgment, v9a; Ex 27:1-2
5. salvation by a faithful *look*, Num 21:9; John 3:15-16
 - a. **וַיִּבֶן** (*na-VAT*) - behold, consider, regard, look intently
- Gen 15:5

C. a Christ-Communing Word for the Lord's Table

1. *look* upon Christ's foreshadow & fulfillment, 1 Cor 11:23-25
2. *look* upon Christ's faithfulness to strengthen your faith, 1 Cor 11:26

QUOTE of the WEEK

When Jesus Christ *puts away from us day by day our daily infirmities and sins*, does he not wash our feet? Last night, when you bowed the knee, you could not help confessing that there had been much in the week's transactions which was not worthy of your standing and profession; and even to-night, when the engagements of this day are over, you will have to mourn that you foolishly committed the very sins which you repented of weeks ago, that you have fallen again into the very sloughs of folly and sin from which special grace delivered you long ago; and yet Jesus Christ will have great patience with you; he will hear your confession of sin; he will say, "I will, be thou clean;" he will again apply the blood of sprinkling; he will speak peace to your conscience, and remove every spot. Oh, it is a great act of eternal love when Christ once for all absolves the sinner, takes him from under the dominion of the law, and puts him into the family of God; but what long suffering and patience there is when the Saviour with much long-suffering bears the daily follies of the recipient of so much mercy, day by day, and hour by hour, putting away the constant sin of the erring but yet beloved child. To dry up a flood of sin is something marvellous, but to endure the constant dropping of daily sins— to bear with that constant weary trying of patience, this is divine indeed! To blot out the whole of sin like a thick cloud, this is a great and matchless power, as well as grace; but to remove the mist of every morning, and the damps of every night— oh! this is condescension; I would I could describe it; it is condescension well imaged in the washing of Peter's feet. [*emphasis in original*]

"Jesus Washing His Disciples' Feet"
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This Week's Bible Portions from *Robert Murray McCheyne's "Daily Bread"*

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FAMILY READINGS			PRIVATE READINGS	
Genesis 30	Mark 1	29	Esther 6	Romans 1
Genesis 31	Mark 2	30	Esther 7	Romans 2
Genesis 32	Mark 3	31	Esther 8	Romans 3
Genesis 33	Mark 4	1	Esther 9-10	Romans 4
Genesis 34	Mark 5	2	Job 1	Romans 5
Genesis 35-36	Mark 6	3	Job 2	Romans 6
Genesis 37	Mark 7	4	Job 3	Romans 7
Genesis 38	Mark 8	5	Job 4	Romans 8

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