

March 1/Day 60

Numbers 14

Verses 1-4

- Why did the people weep? Do you remember where we left off yesterday? It has something to do with large grapes, giant men, and grasshoppers.
- The men considered a mutiny to do what?

Verses 5-10

- Did Moses and Aaron hide from the people when they fell on their faces?
- Who tore their clothes? Why?
- What did they say the land was like?
- If the people mutiny, what are they actually doing toward God? Toward the people-groups in the promised land?
- What had God done to their protection?
- Did the people change their minds upon hearing this?
- What did they want to do with Moses, Aaron, Caleb, and Joshua?
- Who had to intervene?

Verses 11-12

- To spurn means to reject with contempt.
- What signs had God performed in their midst? Think all the way back to Egypt then forward.
- Who did God say He would make into a mightier nation than they?

Verses 13-19

- Why was Moses concerned about God's reputation among the Egyptians and the other nations? Review verse 18. If God is angry, we can know He was slow to become that way. This means He is patient. It says He is abundant in lovingkindness. Lovingkindness is a covenant word. He is forgiving. But He is also just. He can't be kind without being just.
- Generational curses are again mentioned. Do you remember seeing this in Exodus?
- What is Moses asking God to do in verse 19? In what way?

Verses 20-25

- Did the LORD do as Moses had asked?
- How many times had the people put the LORD to the test at this point?
- What will their punishment be?
- Who will enter the land? What did he have? What had he done?

- Who lived in the valleys?
- To where were they to set out?

Verses 26-35

- Grumbling is a complaint done in a low-tone, a murmur, under your breath. Does God hear when we complain under our breath?
- Who are the complaints against? The principle here is that when we complain about our circumstances we are complaining against God because He controls them.
- What was their punishment? What is our application?
- How long would they wander in the wilderness so the complaining generation would die away?
- They were to know God's opposition. I don't know about you, but I don't want God as my opponent.

Verses 36-38

- What happened to the men who brought the bad report about the promised land?

Verses 39-45

- How did the people receive this news?
- They decided, though they had been wrong in complaining, they would not stand for God's punishment, they would just take the promised land themselves. How did Moses talk them out of it?
- What happened to the rebellious people, though they were warned?

Numbers 15

Verses 1-10

- What were they to do when they entered the land?
- What phrase is repeated regarding the offerings?

Verses 11-13

- How is the offering consumed?

Verses 14-16

- Remember the "rabble" who was among them? They were the first aliens who journeyed with the people. Were they under the same obligation and instruction as the Jews?

Verses 17-21

- For how many generations would the dough offering be made?

Verses 22-26

- Unwittingly means unintentionally. Is it possible to sin unintentionally?
- Is it possible to sin by error apart from rebellion?
- Who is affected by the unintentional sin?

Verses 27-31

- What is the difference between unintentional sin and defiant sin?

Verses 32-36

- What happened to the man who gathered wood on the Sabbath?
- Was breaking the Sabbath a serious offense? Hang on to this until we get to the book of Hebrews.
- Where did they stone him? Remember this.

Verses 37-41

- What color were the tassels?
- Of what was it to be a reminder?
- Why do you think God keeps telling them who He is and what He has done?
- What is the application for us?

Psalm 90

- Below is the “Prayer of Moses” from Psalm 90. Read it slowly, think about it, and see if you learn anything about God.

Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.

Before the mountains were born
Or You gave birth to the earth and the world,
Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.

You turn man back into dust
And say, “Return, O children of men.”

For a thousand years in Your sight
Are like yesterday when it passes by,
Or *as* a watch in the night.

You have swept them away like a flood, they fall asleep;
In the morning they are like grass which sprouts anew.

In the morning it flourishes and sprouts anew;
Toward evening it fades and withers away.

For we have been consumed by Your anger
And by Your wrath we have been dismayed.

You have placed our iniquities before You,
Our secret *sins* in the light of Your presence.

For all our days have declined in Your fury;
We have finished our years like a sigh.

As for the days of our life, they contain seventy years,
Or if due to strength, eighty years,
Yet their pride is *but* labor and sorrow;
For soon it is gone and we fly away.

Who understands the power of Your anger
And Your fury, according to the fear that is due You?

So teach us to number our days,
That we may present to You a heart of wisdom.

Do return, O LORD; how long *will it be?*
And be sorry for Your servants.

O satisfy us in the morning with Your lovingkindness,
That we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.

Make us glad according to the days You have afflicted us,
And the years we have seen evil.

Let Your work appear to Your servants
And Your majesty to their children.

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us;
And confirm for us the work of our hands;
Yes, confirm the work of our hands.

See you tomorrow.