FINAL STUDY NOTES – *Numbers Chapters 7-9* 10/26-27/26

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OPENING PRAYER

- **Summary the first two months of the second year, following the Exodus from Egypt:**
- ***(Exo 40:17)*** *And it came to pass in the* ***first month*** *of the* ***second year****, on the* ***first day*** *of the month, that the tabernacle was raised up.*
- ***(Num 1:1)*** *Now the LORD spoke to Moses in the Wilderness of Sinai, in the tabernacle of meeting, on the* ***first day*** *of the* ***second month****, in the* ***second year*** *after they had come out of the land of Egypt, saying*:
- ***(Num 9:1)*** *Now the LORD spoke to Moses in the Wilderness of Sinai, in the* ***first month*** *of the* ***second year*** *after they had come out of the land of Egypt, saying:* - The Second Passover
  (Num 10:11) *Now it came to pass on the* ***twentieth day*** *of the* ***second month****, in the* ***second year,*** *that the cloud was taken up from above the tabernacle of the Testimony.*- Departure from Sinai.

THIS WEEK*: **Numbers Chapter 7*** – Offering of the Leaders – *(vs. 1-89).* ***Chapter 8*** – Arrangement of the Lamps - *(vs. 1-4);* Cleansing and Dedication of the Levites – *(vs. 5-26).* ***Chapter 9 –*** The Second Passover – *(vs. 1-14);* The Cloud and the Fire – *(vs.15-23).*

Chapter 7 - Offerings at the Tabernacle's Consecration - All About Giving!

[1] Now it came to pass, when Moses had finished setting up the tabernacle, that he anointed it and consecrated it and all its furnishings, and the altar and all its utensils; so he anointed them and consecrated them. [2] Then the leaders of Israel, the heads of their fathers' houses, who were the leaders of the tribes and over those who were numbered, made an offering.

- **Moses has anointed and consecrated the tabernacle, all of the furnishings, the altar and all its utensils.** They had received God's plans for how to build the tabernacle and its furnishings. They were obedient! They built it. God was pleased with all of it! He came down on it, ***(Exo 40:33b-35)*** *So Moses finished the work. [34] Then the cloud covered the tabernacle of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. [35] And Moses was not able to enter the tabernacle of meeting, because the cloud rested above it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.* When God did that, they knew that He was pleased with this! In view of all of that, they made an offering.

[3] And they brought their offering before the LORD, six covered carts and twelve oxen, a cart for every two of the leaders, and for each one an ox; and they presented them before the tabernacle. [4] Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, [5] "Accept these from them,

- ***We assume that God will accept anything we give to Him, but He does not have to. He looked at the heart and their attitude toward Him and said, Moses, "go ahead and "accept these from them," on My behalf. This encourages and reinforces us. It is a privilege to give to God.***

that they may be used in doing the work of the tabernacle of meeting; and you shall give them to the Levites, to every man according to his service." [6] So Moses took the carts and the oxen, and gave them to the Levites. [7] Two carts and four oxen he gave to the sons of Gershon, [8] and four carts and eight oxen he gave to the sons of Merari, according to their service, under the authority of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest. [9] But to the sons of Kohath he gave none, because theirs was the service of the holy things, which they carried on their shoulders.

- **No carts for non-carrying Kohathites;** Two carts for heavy carrying Gershonites; Four carts for the most heavy carrying Merarites!

[10] Now the leaders offered the dedication offering for the altar when it was anointed; so the leaders offered their offering before the altar. [11] For the LORD said to Moses, "They shall offer their offering, one leader each day, for the dedication of the altar."

First day - The LORD said, here is how I want to receive it. One leader each day for the dedication of the altar. Then the next day, the leader of the next tribe and the next tribe. He wanted to spread it out. He wanted to savor it; to enjoy it. It did not all just happen in a flash, so that each tribe could be engaged.

[12] And the one who offered his offering on the first day was Nahshon the son of Amminadab, from the tribe of Judah. [13]His offering was one silver platter, the weight of which was one hundred and thirty shekels, and one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering; [14] one gold pan of ten shekels, full of incense; [15] one young bull, one ram, and one male lamb in its first year, as a burnt offering; [16] one kid of the goats as a sin offering; [17] and for the sacrifice of peace offerings: two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs in their first year. This was the offering of Nahshon the son of Amminadab.

- **For the rest of the chapter, you find the repetition, each tribe giving the same offering**. Each tribe gave a silver platter; a silver bowl; this golden pan; and gave the same offering. It names the leader (and his father) of the tribe that he was from. It repeats the same offering over and over. Each tribe gave the same.
- **It is interesting that God kept such an accurate record,** even though they were duplicate type of records, yet God kept an accurate record of what the people gave. I am certain that He still does!

Second day ***[18] On the second day Nethanel the son of Zuar, leader of Issachar, presented an offering.***

- **Imagine the tribe of Judah, saying thank You, LORD! What a blessing**. We had to bless God all day. It was their day to bless God. Second day, Nethanel, the son of Zuar, leader of Issachar, presented an offering. Then it lists exactly the same offering that was listed there. It goes on for all twelve tribes!

[19] For his offering he offered one silver platter, the weight of which was one hundred and thirty shekels, and one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering; [20] one gold pan of ten shekels, full of incense; [21] one young bull, one ram, and one male lamb in its first year, as a burnt offering; [22] one kid of the goats as a sin offering; [23] and as the sacrifice of peace offerings: two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs in their first year. This was the offering of Nethanel the son of Zuar.

Third day ***[24] On the third day Eliab the son of Helon, leader of the children of Zebulun, presented an offering.***

[25] <u>His offering</u> was one silver platter, the weight of which was one hundred and thirty shekels, and one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering; [26] one gold pan of ten shekels, full of incense; [27] one young bull, one ram, and one male lamb in its first year, as a burnt offering; [28] one kid of the goats as a sin offering; [29] and for the sacrifice of peace offerings: two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs in their first year. This was the offering of <u>Eliab</u> the son of Helon.

- **The offering has been completed of the first of the three tribes, under Judah, to always lead the children** anytime the LORD commanded them to move by cloud, by day or the pillar of fire, by night!

<u>Fourth day</u> ***[30] On the <u>fourth day</u> Elizur the son of Shedeur, leader of the children of <u>Reuben</u>, presented an <u>offering</u>. [31] His offering was one silver platter, the weight of which was one hundred and thirty shekels, and one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering; [32] one gold pan of ten shekels, full of incense; [33] one young bull, one ram, and one male lamb in its first year, as a burnt offering; [34] one kid of the goats as a sin offering; [35] and as the sacrifice of peace offerings: two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs in their first year. This was the offering of <u>Elizur</u> the son of Shedeur.***

<u>Fifth day</u> ***[36] On the <u>fifth day</u> Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai, leader of the children of <u>Simeon</u>, presented an <u>offering</u>. [37] His offering was one silver platter, the weight of which was one hundred and thirty shekels, and one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering; [38] one gold pan of ten shekels, full of incense; [39] one young bull, one ram, and one male lamb in its first year, as a burnt offering; [40] one kid of the goats as a sin offering; [41] and as the sacrifice of peace offerings: two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs in their first year. This was the offering of <u>Shelumiel</u> the son of Zurishaddai.***

<u>Sixth day</u> ***[42] On the <u>sixth</u> day Eliasaph the son of Deuel, leader of the children of <u>Gad</u>, presented an <u>offering</u>.***

[43] His offering was one silver platter, the weight of which was one hundred and thirty shekels, and one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering; [44] one gold pan of ten shekels, full of incense; [45] one young bull, one ram, and one male lamb in its first year, as a burnt offering; [46] one kid of the goats as a sin offering; [47] and as the sacrifice of peace offerings: two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs in their first year. This was the offering of <u>Eliasaph</u> the son of Deuel.

- **The offering has been completed of the second of the three tribes, to move out under Gad!**

<u>Seventh day</u> ***[48] On the <u>seventh</u> day Elishama the son of Ammihud, leader of the children of <u>Ephraim</u>, presented an <u>offering</u>. [49] His offering was one silver platter, the weight of which was one hundred and thirty shekels, and one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering; [50] one gold pan of ten shekels, full of incense; [51] one young bull, one ram, and one male lamb in its first year, as a burnt offering; [52] one kid of the goats as a sin offering; [53] and as the sacrifice of peace offerings: two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs in their first year. This was the offering of <u>Elishama</u> the son of Ammihud.***

<u>Eighth day</u> ***[54] On the <u>eighth</u> day Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur, leader of the children of <u>Manasseh</u>, presented an <u>offering</u>. [55] His offering was one silver platter, the weight of which was one hundred and thirty shekels, and one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering; [56] one gold pan of ten shekels, full of incense; [57] one young bull, one ram, and one male lamb in its first year, as a burnt offering; [58] one kid of the goats as a sin offering; [59] and as the sacrifice of peace offerings: two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs in their first year. This was the offering of <u>Gamaliel</u> the son of Pedahzur.***

<u>Ninth day</u> ***[60] On the <u>ninth</u> day Abidan the son of Gideoni, leader of the children of <u>Benjamin</u>, presented an <u>offering</u>. [61] His offering was one silver platter, the weight of which was one hundred and thirty shekels, and one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of***

them full of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering; [62] one gold pan of ten shekels, full of incense; [63] one young bull, one ram, and one male lamb in its first year, as a burnt offering; [64] one kid of the goats as a sin offering; [65] and as the sacrifice of peace offerings: two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs in their first year. This was the offering of Abidan the son of Gideoni.

- **The offering has been completed of the third, of the three tribes, to move out under Benjamin!**

Tenth day ***[66] On the tenth day Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai, leader of the children of Dan, presented an offering. [67] His offering was one silver platter, the weight of which was one hundred and thirty shekels, and one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering; [68] one gold pan of ten shekels, full of incense; [69] one young bull, one ram, and one male lamb in its first year, as a burnt offering; [70] one kid of the goats as a sin offering; [71] and as the sacrifice of peace offerings: two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs in their first year. This was the offering of Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai.***

Eleventh day ***[72] On the eleventh day Pagiel the son of Ocran, leader of the children of Asher, presented an offering. [73] His offering was one silver platter, the weight of which was one hundred and thirty shekels, and one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering; [74] one gold pan of ten shekels, full of incense; [75] one young bull, one ram, and one male lamb in its first year, as a burnt offering; [76] one kid of the goats as a sin offering; [77] and as the sacrifice of peace offerings: two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs in their first year. This was the offering of Pagiel the son of Ocran.***

Twelfth day ***[78] On the twelfth day Ahira the son of Enan, leader of the children of Naphtali, presented an offering. [79] His offering was one silver platter, the weight of which was one hundred and thirty shekels, and one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering; [80] one gold pan of ten shekels, full of incense; [81] one young bull, one ram, and one male lamb in its first year, as a burnt offering; [82] one kid of the goats as a sin offering; [83] and as the sacrifice of peace offerings: two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs in their first year. This was the offering of Ahira the son of Enan.***

- **On the twelfth day, Ahira of the tribe of Naphtali, presented the same offering to the LORD**, completing the offering by all twelve tribes. The LORD just did not say that it was the same gift that was given each day. He took note of it, day after day after day as they give it to Him. Nothing that we give to God goes unnoticed by Him! Nothing goes unnoticed! How this would impact about 200,000 people per tribe!
- **Now if our spiritual antennas are not up toward the LORD and toward the Spirit,** these are just repetitious verses. But when you give your life away and you are serving the LORD and most of what we do for the LORD is unnoticed by everybody but the LORD. He comes in and says, "I see all of it! I see it right down to every single lamb; I see all of it and it blesses Me. and one day I will reward you for it." What a beautiful, beautiful passage on the heart of God toward our giving!
- ***What an encouraging and powerful reminder for each of us to realize and be reminded of how aware our God is of everything we think and do! Of our heart; our actions; our giving; or our taking! He sees! He knows it all! How giving am I? How loving?***

[84] This was the dedication offering for the altar from the leaders of Israel, when it was anointed: twelve silver platters, twelve silver bowls, and twelve gold pans.

- **It reiterates again what was given, giving the sum of the twelve tribes**. It gives twelve times each single offering! The LORD takes the time each day to write a detailed description appreciating everything that is offered from the heart. We have this picture of these offerings being made, with God giving great detail because He takes note of every single thing that He was offered. He does it for us also. It is very important!

[85] Each silver platter weighed one hundred and thirty shekels and each bowl seventy shekels. All the silver of the vessels weighed two thousand four hundred shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary. [86] The twelve gold pans full of incense weighed ten shekels apiece, according to the shekel of the sanctuary; all the gold of the pans weighed one hundred and twenty shekels. [87] All the oxen for the burnt offering were twelve young bulls, the rams twelve, the male lambs in their first year twelve, with their grain offering, and the kids of the goats as a sin offering twelve. [88] And all the oxen for the

sacrifice of peace offerings were twenty-four bulls, the rams sixty, the male goats sixty, and the lambs in their first year sixty. This was the dedication offering for the altar after it was anointed.
[89] Now when Moses went into the tabernacle of meeting to speak with Him, he heard the voice of One speaking to him from above the mercy seat that was on the ark of the Testimony, from between the two cherubim; thus He spoke to him.

- **When Moses was gone into the tabernacle of the congregation to speak with Him, expecting to speak** with the LORD. Moses actually heard His voice coming from the lid of the ark from the mercy seat between the cherubim where the Shekinah presence dwelled. "I actually heard His voice speaking unto me!" ***(Num 12:8)*** *I speak with him face to face, Even plainly, and not in dark sayings; And he sees the form of the LORD. Why then were you not afraid To speak against My servant Moses?"*
- ***How often when I pray and meditate on the Scriptures, do I expect to hear His voice speak to me? Where is my level of expectancy? How wonderful that is, when He speaks! (Psa 46:10) Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!***

Chapter 8 - The Seven Lamps - This chapter is somewhat surprising in that it begin by giving instructions for lighting the lampstand in the Holy Place. At first it seems that the lampstand is out of place in that it belongs back in Exodus Chapter 37, where instructions were given for the tabernacle. But as we look at it more closely, we see that God has a good reason for mentioning it here. We need the light of His presence! Chapter 8 continues the section regarding the cleansing operation in preparation for the wilderness march. Those who were going to follow God and serve Him had to be clean.
[1] And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: [2] "Speak to Aaron, and say to him, 'When you arrange the lamps, the seven lamps shall give light in front of the lampstand.' " [3] And Aaron did so; he arranged the lamps to face toward the front of the lampstand, as the LORD commanded Moses. [4] Now this workmanship of the lampstand was hammered gold; from its shaft to its flowers it was hammered work. According to the pattern which the LORD had shown Moses, so he made the lampstand.

- **The seven lamps shall give light**. This is very important to the LORD. In this, give light toward the front of the lampstand. He wants the light in that room to be directed in a particular direction.
- **The lights on the top revealed the beauty of the lampstand**. This is the most perfect picture of Christ that we find in the tabernacle. The lighted lamps represent the Holy Spirit, who reveals the beauty of Christ. The lampstand is symbolic of Christ who sent the Holy Spirit into the world. The Spirit of God takes the things of Christ and shows them to us.
- **Now we understand why the lampstand is mentioned here between the gifts** of the leaders and the cleansing of the Levites. It reminds us that everything must be done in the light of the presence of Christ.
- **What does that mean to you and me?** It means that our gifts to Him and our service for Him must be done in the light of His presence. It must be done according to His Word. This is where the church gets its instructions, not from a book of church order, but from the Word of God.
- **The lampstand is the light, and the Lord Jesus Christ calls Himself the Light of the world.** He is revealed in the Word of God***. (Joh 8:12)*** *Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.* ***(Mat 5:14)*** *"You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.*
- ***We know the way to get rid of darkness is to shine the light of Jesus Christ! How much of His light is shining through my life? How much darkness? LORD, help me to truly shine for You!***

Cleansing of the Levites -*[5] Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: [6] "Take the Levites from among the children of Israel and cleanse them ceremonially. [7] Thus you shall do to them to cleanse them: (#1) Sprinkle water of purification on them, and (#2) let them shave all their body, and (#3) let them wash their clothes, and so make themselves clean. [8] Then let them take a young bull with its grain offering of fine flour mixed with oil, and you shall take another young bull (#4) as a sin offering. [9] And you shall bring the Levites before the tabernacle of meeting, and you shall gather together the whole congregation of the children of Israel.*

- **What a blessed day! "We are going to consecrate these Levites for their service to God."** They are going to go through this cleansing ritual, in order that they might serve the LORD for the people, on behalf of the people.

[10] So you shall bring the Levites before the LORD, and the children of Israel shall lay their hands on the Levites;

- **All of the people of Israel lay their hands on the Levites.** "You are going to serve the LORD for me, and may God bless you and help you to serve the LORD on my behalf." So, the congregation lays their hands on the Levites. **Not all three million of them. Probably one representative of each of the twelve tribes.**

[11] and Aaron shall offer the Levites before the LORD like a wave offering from the children of Israel, that they may perform the work of the LORD. [12] Then the Levites shall lay their hands on the heads of the young bulls, and you shall offer one as a sin offering and the other as a burnt offering to the LORD, to make atonement for the Levites.

- **The children of Israel, lay their hands on the Levites. Now the Levites, being cleansed, start their ministering**, but before they do, they lay their hands on these two bulls. The one is the sin offering, the transferring of their guilt over onto the bull, it was slain, offered as a sin offering. The second one, the burnt offering, was the offering of consecration. These men are consecrated to God, in this service to the LORD.

[13] "And you shall stand the Levites before Aaron and his sons, and then offer them like a wave offering to the LORD.

- **Now a wave offering is lifted up, in a symbolic sense.** "Here they are, LORD," as a wave offering before You.

[14] Thus you shall separate the Levites from among the children of Israel, and the Levites shall be Mine. [15] After that the Levites shall go in to service the tabernacle of meeting. So you shall cleanse them and offer them like a wave offering. [16] For they are wholly given to Me from among the children of Israel; I have taken them for Myself instead of all who open the womb, the firstborn of all the children of Israel. [17] For all the firstborn among the children of Israel are Mine, both man and beast; on the day that I struck all the firstborn in the land of Egypt I sanctified them to Myself.

- **When God passed through the land of Egypt, destroying the firstborn He made a provision** for the redemption of the firstborn. ***(Exo 12:23)*** *For the LORD will pass through to strike the Egyptians; and when He sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over the door and not allow the destroyer to come into your houses to strike you.*
- **So the lamb was a substitute for the firstborn in the house**. It died instead of the firstborn. They were redeemed by the blood of the lamb. They had been purchased. Their life was purchased by the life of the lamb, which blood was shed. (That points exactly to what He has done for me!) Now the LORD says, "In that night, I really purchased all of the first born. They became Mine. They owe their lives to Me! Oh what a picture!

[18] I have taken the Levites instead of all the firstborn of the children of Israel.

- **Moses repeats that as the Levites were given to God as a tribe** to accomplish this as a replacement for the sparing of the firstborn of all that were among the children of Israel. There is a difference of 273 more first-born than the Levites. We saw how God took care of the difference in terms of an offering being made to the LORD.

[19] And I have given the Levites as a gift to Aaron and his sons from among the children of Israel, to do the work for the children of Israel in the tabernacle of meeting, and to make atonement for the children of Israel, that there be no plague among the children of Israel when the children of Israel come near the sanctuary." [20] Thus Moses and Aaron and all the congregation of the children of Israel did to the Levites; according to all that the LORD commanded Moses concerning the Levites, so the children of Israel did to them. [21] And the Levites purified themselves and washed their clothes; then Aaron presented them like a wave offering before the LORD, and Aaron made atonement for them to cleanse them. [22] After that the Levites went in to do their work in the tabernacle of meeting before Aaron and his sons; as the LORD commanded Moses concerning the Levites, so they did to them.

Retirement of the Levites - ***[23] Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, [24] "This is what pertains to the Levites: From twenty-five years old and above one may enter to perform service in the work of the tabernacle of meeting; [25] and at the age of fifty years they must cease performing this work, and shall work no more. [26] They may minister with their brethren in the tabernacle of meeting, to attend to needs, but they themselves shall do no work. Thus you shall do to the Levites regarding their duties."***

- **The tabernacle was a portable place of worship, designed to** be broken down and moved, which occurred many times. Sometimes they had set it up. The Levites were that were doing this moving, all had their jobs

assigned. They could not enter into this until they were twenty-five years old, and as soon as they were fifty years old, no more carrying, no more labor! Now, having experience, you could supervise. But after fifty years old, they shall do no work.

Chapter 9 - The Second Passover Celebrated

[1] Now the LORD spoke to Moses in the Wilderness of Sinai, in the first month of the second year after they had come out of the land of Egypt, saying: [2] "Let the children of Israel keep the Passover at its appointed time. [3] On the fourteenth day of this month, at twilight, you shall keep it at its appointed time. According to all its rites and ceremonies you shall keep it."

[4] So Moses told the children of Israel that they should keep the Passover. [5] And they kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the first month, at twilight, in the Wilderness of Sinai; according to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so the children of Israel did. [6] Now there were certain men who were defiled by a human corpse, so that they could not keep the Passover on that day; and they came before Moses and Aaron that day. [7] And those men said to him, "We became defiled by a human corpse. Why are we kept from presenting the offering of the LORD at its appointed time among the children of Israel?"

- **Israel was to celebrate the Passover while they were in the wilderness**. They attempted to keep the Passover the second year after they left Egypt. During the celebration a problem arose. There were certain men who were defiled by a dead body so that they could not *keep* the Passover. They came and reported it to Moses and Aaron and asked what they should do.

[8] And Moses said to them, "Stand still, that I may hear what the LORD will command concerning you."

- **This is good! Moses took every issue to the LORD!** "What are we going to do about this? We cannot observe the Passover because we touched a dead body. Moses said, "Wait a minute, let me find out from the LORD."

[9] Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, [10] "Speak to the children of Israel, saying: 'If anyone of you or your posterity is unclean because of a corpse, or is far away on a journey, he may still keep the LORD's Passover. [11] On the fourteenth day of the second month, at twilight, they may keep it. They shall eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.

- **Those who were unable to keep the Passover at the appointed time were to** celebrate it a month later.

[12] They shall leave none of it until morning, nor break one of its bones. According to all the ordinances of the Passover they shall keep it.

- **Not one bone of the Passover lamb was to be broken**. When Jesus was hanging on the cross, because of the Preparation Day for Passover, they came to Pilot, saying, "Let us break their bones to hasten their death." They were given permission. They went to the two thieves, with sledges and broke their leg bones to hasten their death.
- **When they came to Jesus, they found that He was already dead**, so they did not break His bones. In order that the scripture might be fulfilled, "**Not a bone of Him shall be broken.**"

[13] But the man who is clean and is not on a journey, and ceases to keep the Passover, that same person shall be cut off from among his people, because he did not bring the offering of the LORD at its appointed time; that man shall bear his sin. [14] 'And if a stranger dwells among you, and would keep the LORD's Passover, he must do so according to the rite of the Passover and according to its ceremony; you shall have one ordinance, both for the stranger and the native of the land.'

The Cloud Covering the Tabernacle - ***[15] Now on the day that the tabernacle was raised up, the cloud covered the tabernacle, the tent of the Testimony; from evening until morning it was above the tabernacle like the appearance of fire. [16] So it was always: the cloud covered it by day, and the appearance of fire by night.***

- **We find God beginning now to guide them with this cloud.** Now on the day that the tabernacle was raised up. Now it is all set here. The tabernacle, curtains and everything are all set.
- **The children of Israel were camped all the way around the tabernacle.** Their tents were facing the tabernacle, so at night, when you came out of your tent door, you would look towards the center of the camp, and see this glow of a fire, over the tabernacle. You would be reminded that God's presence is in the midst of the people. During the day you come out of your tent, you see the cloud that is there and again be reminded.

- **It would be so good if we had more reminders of God's presence**. I dwell in the presence of God. I forget that. Because I forget that, I sometimes do things that I should not do!

[17] Whenever the cloud was taken up from above the tabernacle, after that the children of Israel would journey; and in the place where the cloud settled, there the children of Israel would pitch their tents.

- **They were guided by this cloud.** The cloud would get up and move in the middle of the night, and they all had to wake up, you know, get the kids up, and load things up, and start moving. Follow that cloud!

[18] At the command of the LORD the children of Israel would journey, and at the command of the LORD they would camp; as long as the cloud stayed above the tabernacle they remained encamped. [19] Even when the cloud continued long, many days above the tabernacle, the children of Israel kept the charge of the LORD and did not journey. [20] So it was, when the cloud was above the tabernacle a few days: according to the command of the LORD they would remain encamped, and according to the command of the LORD they would journey. [21] So it was, when the cloud remained only from evening until morning: when the cloud was taken up in the morning, then they would journey; whether by day or by night, whenever the cloud was taken up, they would journey. [22] Whether it was two days, a month, or a year that the cloud remained above the tabernacle, the children of Israel would remain encamped and not journey; but when it was taken up, they would journey. [23] At the command of the LORD they remained encamped, and at the command of the LORD they journeyed; they kept the charge of the LORD, at the command of the LORD by the hand of Moses.

- **Just think how the LORD is teaching the nation of Israel** to constantly be dependent on Him at all times! Whenever, day or night, He moved the cloud or pillar of fire. They had to respond!
- ***Am I continually aware and obedient to Him, responding to His leading and guiding with a willing and grateful heart?***

SUMMARY:

- *Num 7:5* **We assume that God will accept anything we give to Him**, but He does not have to. He looked at the heart and their attitude toward Him and said, Moses, "go ahead and "accept these from them," on My behalf. This encourages and reinforces us. It is a privilege to give to God.
- *Num 7:82* **What an encouraging and powerful reminder for each of us to realize and be reminded of how aware our God is of everything we think and do!** Of our heart; our actions; our giving; or our taking! He sees! He knows it all! How giving am I? How loving?
- *Num 7:89* **How often when I pray and meditate on the Scriptures, do I expect to hear His voice speak to me? Where is my level of expectancy?** How wonderful that is, when He speaks! *(Psa 46:10) Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!*
- *Num 8:4* **We know the way to get rid of darkness is to shine the light of Jesus Christ!** How much of His light is shining through my life? How much darkness? LORD, help me to truly shine for You! All glory to Him!

TO GOD BE THE GLORY – Graham Choir – (2:26/2:29)

To God be the glory, great things He has done; So loved He the world that He gave us His Son, Who yielded His life an atonement for sin, And opened the life gate that all may go in.

Refrain: ***Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice! O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son, And give Him the glory, great things He has done.***

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done, And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; But purer, and higher, and greater will be Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Refrain)

CLOSING PRAYER

NEXT WEEK: Study ***Numbers Chapters 10-12***