

Will You Enter His Rest?

Numbers 1-36

Sermon Theme: *Eternal death and destruction await all who reject God's promise of rest through faithless disobedience, but God is faithful to bring into His rest all who desire a better country through true faith in Jesus Christ.*

1) The First Generation Fails to Enter Rest (1:1-25:18)

- a) Preparations to enter rest (1:1-10:10)
 - i) The organization of Israel (1:1-4:49)
 - ii) The holiness of Israel (5:1-9:14)
 - iii) The impending departure of Israel (9:15-10:10)
- b) Faithless disobedience forfeits rest (10:11-25:18)
 - i) Faithless disobedience on the journey to Kadesh (10:11-12:16)
 - (1) Complaining and craving judged (10:11-11:35)
 - (2) Opposing Moses judged (12:1-16)
 - ii) Faithless disobedience at Kadesh (13:1-20:21)
 - (1) Spy rebellion (13:1-15:41 → Heb. 3:12-4:11)
 - (2) Korah rebellion (16:1-19:22 → 1 Cor. 10:10)
 - (3) Meribah rebellion (20:1-21 → Ps. 95:8-11)
 - iii) Faithless disobedience in the wilderness wanderings (20:22-25:18)
 - (1) Serpent judgment on the journey to Moab (20:22-21:35 → 1 Cor. 10:9)
 - (2) Immorality on the plains of Moab (22:1-25:18 → 1 Cor. 10:8)

2) The Second Generation Prepares to Enter Rest (26:1-36:13)

- a) The organizing of Israel (26:1-27:23)
 - i) A new census (26:1-65)
 - ii) An expectation of inheritance (27:1-11)
 - iii) A new leader (27:12-23)
- b) The holiness of Israel (28:1-30:16)
 - i) Holy offerings at the tabernacle (28:1-29:40)
 - ii) Holy vows (30:1-16)
- c) Israel moves toward the land (31:1-36:13)
 - i) Foretastes of the future (31:1-32:42)
 - ii) Journey recounted and conquest called for (33:1-56)
 - iii) Boundaries of the land and cities of refuge (34:1-35:34)
 - iv) Protecting inheritances (36:1-13)

3) Will You Enter His Rest? – Numbers Applied

- a) To non-Christians: a call to faith! (Matt. 11:28-30)
- b) To professing Christians:
 - i) A call to sober self-examination (2 Cor. 13:5)
 - ii) A call to persevering faith (Heb. 4:11)

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