

He Leadeth Me

Numbers 9.15-23

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Introduction

- Perhaps the most dominant theme of the Book of Numbers is the faithfulness of God
- One of the ways that God's faithfulness is revealed is by the way He leads his people
- The events of salvation and deliverance foreshadow a greater salvation/migration experience that awaits God's people and the fact that God leads His people; past, present and future

Main Points: How does God lead?

1. God is present with His people
 - a. The cloud covered the Tabernacle after it was set up - this is a clear continuation of the Exodus experience
 - b. The visual effect of God's presence gave His people peace, confidence, and courage
 - i. John 1:14
 - ii. 2 Cor. 5:1-4
 - iii. 2 Pet. 1:13-14
 - iv. 1 Cor. 6:19
 - c. Whenever you feel lost and alone, remember - God is with you
2. God gives clear direction to His people
 - a. When the cloud got up, the people got up; when it set down, the people set down
 - b. The cloud hovering over the tabernacle provided the perfect means of divine guidance: the people had to respond with perfect obedience.
 - c. Follow instructions, experience success

3. God expects obedience from His People

- a. The command of Yahweh that is mediated through his servant Moses is that *the watch of Yahweh* is to be kept. Again, this formula emphasizes the careful and exact obedience to Yahweh that is so important to the author of Numbers.
- b. Even in the context of the accommodations God makes around the timing of the Passover meal. The point cannot be missed: God expects His people to obey Him.
- c. God is committed to you; can you say the same?

Conclusion

- The events of salvation and deliverance foreshadow a greater salvation/migration experience that awaits God's people and the fact that God leads His people; past, present and future
- God leads us by
 - being present with us
 - giving us clear direction, and
 - calling for total obedience from us; God expects His children to trust Him
- The duty of the Christian is to look to God, to follow His direction, and to trust and obey.