

WEEK FIVE

Check Point Per Day:

_ Day 1 Exodus 38 - 40

Matthew 26

_ Day 2 LEVITICUS 1 - 3

Matthew 27

_ Day 3 Leviticus 4 - 6

Matthew 28

_ Day 4 Leviticus 7 - 10

_ Day 5 Leviticus 11 - 13

MARK 1

_ Day 6 Leviticus 14 - 16

Mark 2

_ Day 7 Leviticus 17 - 19

Mark 3

REFLECTIONS

The authority of the scripture is the only place that we can stand. The Bible is God's word written by Spirit-filled men of God. When Christ spoke with authority, we need to realize He spoke God's word.

He is God's Word, John 1:1. People who believe and receive Christ should know God's Word. Any authority of the Christian is from the Word. Jesus knew what He taught was right, and the scriptures were opened to Him. In turn, Jesus has given us the same word and power. Still, we must first discover our faith to believe in Christ and His teachings. "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: Matthew 7:7."

God gave His people instructions in the Old Testament to protect them. We would call them rituals or laws. He was watching over them and giving them the best thing there was to help them live long and happy lives.

Jesus continues the same method and words for us to find life and live happily ever after. By the time He stands ready to leave from the Mount of Olives, He knew his disciples were ready and told them to GO. Many people wait for the power to go out, but we often don't receive it until we go out.

Reflect for yourself just what Christ has for your life as you go.

QUESTIONS

1. What filled the tabernacle when everything was ready (Ex.40:34-38)?
2. Did sins committed through ignorance have to be atoned for (Lev.4:1-4)? Was the atonement any different if there is one?
3. When is the presence of the Lord known how do people respond (Lev.9:24)?
4. Why did Nadab and Abihu die (Lev.10:1-7)?
5. From the list of the unclean animals do you find any that people eat today? ___ If so which ones? After answering this question, turn to Acts 10:9-15 and read for our times.
6. Atonement for sin was/is granted by _____(Lev.17:11).
7. The two elements used in the Passover meal were _____ and _____. What did they represent about Christ (Mt.26:26-29)?
8. Who rose from the dead when Christ died (Mat. 27)?
9. When Christ said, "Follow Me," How did people respond (Mk.1:19-20)?
10. In Mark 3:5 it says that Christ was _____ and _____ over the hardness of their hearts.

WEEK SIX

Check Point Per Day:

_ Day 1 Leviticus 20 - 22	Mark 4
_ Day 2 Leviticus 23 - 25	Mark 5
_ Day 3 Leviticus 26 - NUMBERS 1	Mark 6
_ Day 4 Numbers 2 - 5	
_ Day 5 Numbers 6 - 7	Mark 7
_ Day 6 Numbers 8 - 10	Mark 8
_ Day 7 Numbers 11 - 13	Mark 9

REFLECTIONS

A trip seems to move fast when people are having fun. People like to sing songs on their trips, and others read, but here both are in order. From book to book, you can easily think of passing from state to state or country to country. It is up to you to think of which state or country you might be following God into now.

In Leviticus 24, Shelomith's son was stoned to death for blaspheming. God never looks upon blaspheming of the Lord's name lightly. People today who use such words will find themselves answering to God for every idle word they have said.

In Leviticus 25, God set up the year of liberty to be seen every fifty years. People were to be freed, and land returned to its owners. The land was to have an extra year of rest. If you search for the scriptures, you will find that they never fulfilled the year of liberty. The rest of Leviticus deals with them and what they must do to remain in God's favor.

The first part of Numbers sets the scene for the Israelites and their work. Each tribe is given orders, and one tribe is taken so that all the firstborns are redeemed from among the tribes. Numbers also contain three things that represent a Messianic type: The Smitten Rock, The Brazen Serpent, and The Cities of Refuge. It will be disheartening because of their unbelief, even after all God had done for them.

While some passages in the Bible may address unbelief, other parts of it give way to great belief. As we study the Old and New Testaments together, it lifts our hearts. We see after many years that the word was opened for people through Jesus. Mark's account is the shortest of the four gospels. He writes under the instruction of what many believe to be Peter. It may be written to Gentiles. One reason for this conclusion is that not much reference is made to the Old Testament. Keep an eye out for the Word "straightway."

QUESTIONS

1. Some call Christ in Mark the "**Tireless Servant of God and Man.**" In Mark 1:35-37; 3:20-21; and 6:31-34 find how He deals with what comes up.
2. Why was Christ disappointed in Mark 3:5?
3. Mark 2:3-12; 6:41,49; and 5:1-13 show Christ's power over three different areas. Match the scripture to the event of power Jesus had over these. (Demons, nature, and disease.)
4. In Numbers 7:89, who speaks to Moses from off the mercy seat?
5. Read Numbers 10:29-32 again and write why you think Hobab went back to His own place.
6. Read Numbers 11:29 again and list all who should be prophets.
7. After the men come back from spying out the land, list the reasons the ten give for not going into the promised land, and furthermore discouraging the people as well.

WEEK SEVEN

Check Point Per Day:

_ Day 1 Numbers 14 - 16	Mark 10
_ Day 2 Numbers 17 - 19	Mark 11
_ Day 3 Numbers 20 - 23	
_ Day 4 Numbers 24 - 26	Mark 12
_ Day 5 Numbers 27 - 29	Mark 13
_ Day 6 Numbers 30 - 32	Mark 14
_ Day 7 Numbers 33 - 34	Mark 15-16

REFLECTIONS

We miss some of the greatest moments in our lives when we don't believe in God. The Israelites could not decide whether to go or stay. If they had gone in the first place, all the other trouble they encountered would not have followed (Numbers 14). Nevertheless, they refused to believe in God's anointed one (Moses), and thus they suffered the consequences. The Israelites who would not listen would pay with their lives before it would all be over.

By the time we read Numbers 16, we can conclude that God will allow His work to be hindered only for a limited time. He will remove people who hinder His work if they do not change. The story remains the same, it seems, no matter what God does. Rebellion after rebellion will arise until all the old leaven is cleaned out of the group. The old leaven will be the people who refused to believe and follow God. The new leaven would be their children, whom they would raise in the way of the Lord. Here, the new leaven would be the idea that God's word would spread among the people, and they would grow toward God.

Jesus finds the same hardness in the lives of those He taught in His day. The children of the people who hardened their hearts in the wilderness would harden their hearts at the words of Christ. The old leaven had found its way back into the heart of most of them. Sin has a way of doing that to everyone who does not stand guard over their lives by allowing Jesus to have control. Without Jesus, there is no way to escape sin.

1. People were warned not to _____ in Numbers 14:9. What was their punishment for going ahead and doing it?
2. Do you find yourself despising what God has given you as the Israelites did in Numbers 14:31? ___ Take a moment to really reach for the right answer, because everyone may be guilty at one time or another.

During the study this week, you will read about Israel's continual disobedience. God continues to collaborate with them. They mistreated Moses, but He often asked God not to remove them. Other times, he has no choice, and the people must die.

3. a. Do we cause God such grief today?
 - b. How can we stop causing God such grief?
 - c. Are you the one God has chosen to keep on going even in the face of opposition?
4. a. What is it that Balaam teaches Balak that causes the Israelites to fall (Numbers 25)?
 - b. What was his end for doing so (Numbers 31:8)? (Note: Peter uses Balaam as an example in 2 Peter 2).
5. The Bible reports that the disciples could not in Mark 9:18. By verses 28 and 29, they want to know why. What two things kept them from doing the miracle that Jesus did?
6. In our time, marriage has become less important. Without thinking of someone you know and without judging, what did Jesus tell the Pharisees in chapter 10 of Mark?
7. After such a question, who can make all things possible? ____ It takes servanthood to see all that is possible v.43-45.
8. What is your opinion of Mark 16:16?

WEEK EIGHT

Check Point Per Day:

_ Day 1 Numbers 35 - 36	LUKE 1 - 2
_ Day 2 DEUTERONOMY 1 - 3	Luke 3
_ Day 3 Deuteronomy 4 - 7	
_ Day 4 Deuteronomy 8 - 10	Luke 4
_ Day 5 Deuteronomy 11 - 13	Luke 5
_ Day 6 Deuteronomy 14 - 16	Luke 6
_ Day 7 Deuteronomy 17 - 19	Luke 7

REFLECTIONS

There are places in America where people can stop and reflect on their lives. After a long trip, it is good to find places to rest and reassurance. Deuteronomy is a book of remembering for the Israelites before they cross over the Jordan River to take Canaan. Moses will repeat everything that is necessary for them to keep God in sight.

Deuteronomy shows that obedience is God's number one priority. In chapter 6:4-12, Moses will remind them of the importance of remembering God's word and how to remember it. Everything that they taught them was to remind them of God. Even the names of the months were of excellent value, as they would remind them of the different events that God had brought them through. How much scripture should we have in the open in our homes today to remind us of the presence of God?

Luke is a gospel that shows much grace to all. It also brings out many prayers during the life of Jesus. Theophilus is the person to whom Luke, the physician, writes. Gentiles are the main targets of the book. Luke gives close attention to the life of Jesus and brings out much of the early life of Jesus.

Jesus would state His purpose for His ministry from the beginning:” The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, Luke 4:18.” He reads from Isaiah. Luke's gospel has its own special way of bringing the life of Jesus to open freshness, just as the other gospels do. The gospels recount many events in Jesus' life. This aligns with the first five books of the Old Testament, in that these are events to remember. They are to keep reminding us of the greatness of our Lord God.

Take a walk in the Peace Gardens for a moment to find peace that can only come from a walk with Jesus.

1. Read Deut.3:25. Moses told the children he asked God to let him go over and see the good land. What kept him from doing so?
2. Also, from the same chapter v.27, Moses was allowed to do what?
3. Chapters 4:2 and 12:32 coincide with Rev.22:18-19 in what way?
4. Being obedient to the Lord is very important. In 4:40, how were the children told to pay attention?
5. Moses reminds the children that he made intercessory prayer for them in chapter 9:18. Can we still do the same today as God's people?
6. God cares for those who seem to have no hope and God holds people who do have hope responsible for these people. How should we respond today to the widow, fatherless, and stranger?
7. Why were they not to forsake the Levites (12:19)?
8. How does Luke 3:14 speak to us today?
9. Why is it that the book of Matthew names Solomon and the book of Luke names Nathan in the genealogy?
10. Who is it that Jesus sits and eats with the most?