

THREE GREAT LANDMARKS OF CHRISTIANITY

Num. 21:4-9, 16-18 and 10-11

Beloved of the Lord:

Three fundamental doctrines of the New Testament are symbolized in our scripture portion. Note them carefully and prayerfully ---

1. **THE SERPENT ON THE POLE** - Num. 21:4-9 - The Doctrine of the Cross, the atoning death of our Lord Jesus Christ. Read His words in John 3:14-15. Note -
 - a. - The people's sin - v4,5 - A graphic picture of all sinners - Rom. 3:11-19; Rom.3:23.
 - b. - The penalty - v6 Death from the Serpent's bite - Ezek. 18:20 - Rom. 6:23 - Rev. 20:13,14.
 - c. - The Repentance - v7 Confession of Sin - Prayer "take it away" - see John 1:29
 - d. - The Salvation - v8 by only a "Look". Read Isa. 45:22. Note - the easiest thing to do - "Look" to the greatest person - "Unto Me." For the greatest blessing - "and be saved." For the greatest number - "all ye ends of the earth." On the greatest authority - "For I am God."
 - e. The Result - "Life" - a look of faith to Christ on the cross - "eternal life" - John 3:14,15 - John 1:29.

2. **THE SPRINGING WELL** - Num. 21:16-18. The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit. - Note
 - a. - The Divine Command - "Gather my people together" - v16. Note Pentecost - Acts 2:1.
 - b. - The Divine Promise - "I will give them water" - v16 See John 14:16, 26; 15:26; 16:7-15.
 - c. - The Response of Faith - "Spring up O well" - v17. Makes room for fulfillment of the promise.
 - d. - The Living Water in the believer - John 4:14; John 7:37-39; John 14:17; John 16:13, Life, power for service and for spiritual knowledge.
 - e. - Let us sing - "Spring up O Well" and be filled with the Spirit - Eph. 5:18.

3. **THE SUNRISING** - Num. 21:10,11. The Doctrine of Christ's Second Coming. Note
 - a. - Israel pitched their tents "toward the Sunrising" - looking forward to a new day!
 - b. - In our wilderness journey as "strangers and Pilgrims" - 1Pet. 2:11 - are our tents pitched "toward the sunrising?" Looking for that blessed hope" - Titus 2:13. Christians in the early church did this. All the epistles, except Galatians, touched upon this blessed theme.
 - c. Note - Lot "pitched his tent" in the wrong direction, "Toward Sodom". - Gen. 13:10-12. So did a friend of the Apostle Paul - Demas - 2 Tim 4:18. They were occupied with what was going Down! Read 1John 2: 16,17.
 - d. - Let our hearts be looking for the Sunrise! - Mal. 4:2
Sunrise tomorrow! Sunrise in glory is waiting for me;
Sunrise tomorrow! Sunrise with Jesus for eternity!"

May the Holy Spirit warn us - "Remove not the ancient landmarks" - Prov. 22:28

Faithfully Yours In Christ,

