

Come Along With Us

Numbers 10:29-36

²⁹ Now Moses said to Hobab son of Reuel the Midianite, Moses' father-in-law, "We are setting out for the place about which the Lord said, 'I will give it to you.' Come with us and we will treat you well, for the Lord has promised good things to Israel."

³⁰ He answered, "No, I will not go; I am going back to my own land and my own people."

³¹ But Moses said, "Please do not leave us. You know where we should camp in the wilderness, and you can be our eyes. ³² If you come with us, we will share with you whatever good things the Lord gives us."

³³ So they set out from the mountain of the Lord and travelled for three days. The ark of the covenant of the Lord went before them during those three days to find them a place to rest. ³⁴ The cloud of the Lord was over them by day when they set out from the camp. ³⁵ Whenever the ark set out, Moses said,

"Rise up, Lord! May your enemies be scattered; may your foes flee before you."

³⁶ Whenever it came to rest, he said, "Return, Lord, to the countless thousands of Israel."

A. Background to the Book of Numbers

1. Chronicles Israel's journey from Egypt to the Promised Land.
2. Shows God's prepared the people physically & spiritually for their inheritance.
3. He established tribes, counted military men, & appointed those for spiritual service.
4. Highlights God's patience despite Israel's sin, complaints, and unbelief.
5. Warns against unbelief, as an entire generation missed the Promised Land.

B. A Fitting Invitation

1. Moses invited Hobab to join Israel on the journey to the Promised Land.
2. Reflects the Church's call to invite others to join the journey of faith.
3. Promised Land symbolizes heaven, God's gift to His people (John 14:3, Phil. 3:20).
4. This invitation offers acceptance, care, & relationship—things we all long for.

C. Who Got the Invitation?

1. Hobab, someone Moses loved and valued for his skills (Numbers 10:31).
2. Moses highlighted Hobab's importance, building a connection through compliments.
3. The invitation reminds us that God values and cares for all people.
4. Acceptance of the invitation leads to blessings & a shared journey toward heaven.
5. God's presence, symbolized by the Ark, is a reminder of His guidance & promise.

D. Who Guaranteed the Invitation?

1. God promised good things for Israel & secures the promises of salvation (Heb. 7:25).
2. His promises are unchanging and reliable (1 John 5:13).

E. The Reaction

1. Hobab initially refused, choosing his own country over God's invitation (v.30).
2. Refusals are not uncommon.
3. Examples include the Rich Young Ruler (Mark 10:22) and Jonah.
4. Challenges us to reflect: have we responded to Jesus' invitation?

F. Let Us Extend This Invitation to All

1. Encourage others to join the journey of faith, relying on God's guidance & prayer.
2. Share God's love and promises of eternal blessings with all we meet.