

different aspects of ~~Christ~~ Christian life, which are important. We must get a proper balance between them, and when we fail to recognize this we often have unnecessary conflicts, unnecessary struggles between those who should be working together, unnecessary failures, because of lack of that which could be supplied by those who ~~xxx~~ have abilities in the other aspects of one of these particular matters.

Now the reason I've been putting this ~~xxx~~ great stress on balance here is because I feel that it is necessary, in order to understand this part of Numbers that we are now studying. So we will mention as

2. here. The beautiful, absolute picture of guidance in Numbers 9:15-23. What a beautiful picture we have in this chapter alone. And yet, how tremendously misleading it could be if we took it absolutely by itself, and did not relate it to ~~a few~~ other things in ~~ex~~ Scripture and even in fairly close proximity to it. Look at this passage, Numbers 9:15-23. It is one which should have a great blessing for all of us in our lives because it is absolutely true of the Israelites, and it is absolutely true in our own lives if we really recognize it. And yet, there is the other side of the picture at which we must also look. We won't get to look at the other side of the picture today, but we want to look a little bit at this ~~xxxx~~ side. I want to read those verses: Numbers 9:15 - "And on the day that the tabernacle etc. - verses 15-23, inc.

a. This seems to be the answer to the craving for certainty.

(1) There was no uncertainty at any place or any time. All you have to do is look and see whether the cloud is there. If the cloud is moving, you go; if the cloud says, you stay. No uncertainty at any place; no uncertainty at any time.

(2) Everyone had immediate knowledge. Moses didn't have to tell anybody whether to go or to stay. They could all just look and see whether the cloud was there. Everybody knew immediately, Perfect guidance for everybody. Perfect knowledge of exactly what ~~God's~~ God's will was. Everybody had immediate knowledge.