

devoted themselves to raising the most beautiful flowers in the whole town or to making the greatest advance in some particular line of thought or activity that was not directly related to their actual service for the Lord. Now these things were good, they did many finethings, these clergy did in these different lines, but I fear in many cases it came to assume a primary place in their lives, and contributed to opening the way for the onrush of modernism there because people were not putting the primary things first. So the Lord wants us to have our eyes looking back at Calvary, and never forget it, and yet never forgetting that it is a finished work and that we can stand upon it as our foundation to go forward. He also wants us to keep our eyes upon the promised land, and to know that we are strangers in this earth, we are displaced persons in the earth. And while we have/our/ our duty to own country, our own associates, we have our duty which we perform properly, yet that it is secondary always to our duty to God. We are looking forward to the promised land toward which we are headed.

Now of course we are not to say that all the Israelites carried out these matters. Perhaps the book of Num. is all the more apt and appropriate for the Christian that it does not show perfect people there who did exactly what the Lord wanted. It shows them to be weak even as we are, but human beings who were on their pilgrimage journey and we can learn from their success and we can learn from their mistakes, and we can learn lessons that are very important for us in our pilgrimage. So I feel that a look at the OT in the light of the Christian we are justified, it is a thing we should/definitely do to look at the book of Num. from that viewpoint. What does it mean to us in our own pilgrimage? We will continue at that point next time. Let us pray: Our Father, we thank you for this chapel period. We pray that those who are not signed up for the course may receive real value for their spiritual lives for our study here. And we pray for those who are signed up, that the from the assignments given they may receive further value to their spiritual help. Help us not to be hearers of the Word only, but doers, and to go forward and to make our lives count for Christ. We ask in Jesus name, Amen.