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the bk. of Num. looks forward to the promised land which is still ahead. I don't know whether I mentioned specifically number 1 under that, though I did mention what it covered

1. The Christian has not yet arrived. He is in a pilgrimage journey. Under that I would like to give a few subheads. We will move through them a bit hastily perhaps, but small a will be

a. Note Paul's statement in Phil. 3: 12-14. We as Christians have had a tremendous blessing in being delivered from the power of sin. We are delivered out of Egy. We have started our pilgrimage journey, and if ^{there was} ever a man who was a great Christian surely it was the Apostle Paul. But in Phil. 3:12ff. Paul said: Not as though I had already attained or were already perfect. ^{even} but I follow after if I may apprehend that for which I also am apprehended in Christ Jesus. Brethren I count not myself to have apprehended. but this one thing I do forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before. I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Paul was in between. He was resting ^{on} the finished work of Christ but he was pressing forward. That is the situation in which every Christian should be. How easy it is to forget and to think that we have already reached the promised land. How easy it is for us to look down on some other Christian who perhaps is not as advanced in some phase of Christian life as we are. Maybe some one of us is far superior in ^{some} ~~one~~ particular aspect to another Christian, but we will find that there are other Christians, or perhaps even that very one that we are superior to in some way is far superior to us in some other ways. We are all pressing on. The important thing is not so ~~far~~ much how far we have yet attained, but the direction in which we are moving. We are in the pilgrimage journey. And so

b. There is no reason for boasting, for pride, or boasting. It is very easy ^{a Christian} for ~~us~~ in thinking on how much God has done for him, to look down on others or to boast in the progress he has made. but Paul said. in 1 Cor. 4:7, Who maketh thee to differ from another, and what hast thou that thou didst not receive. Now if thou