

The Bible in the Life of the Believer

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We are trying to fulfill two purposes at the same time in this hour: we are having a chapel service - and I hope for those of you who are not taking it for credit that you will find real spiritual blessing as we study the Word together. For those of you who desire, one unit of credit for it, I am giving an average of about one and a half to two hours a week of assignments, and anybody who finds it too much, I don't object at all to your dropping out from that, just so you attend the chapel of course, but if you want to let me know.

Now this is our last meeting together for four weeks; four weeks from today we will hold our next discussion of this subject. In between we will have other chapel speakers and I don't want the assignments to pile up at the end of the semester so next week I will give some assignments for the period while we will not be meeting, so that we won't pile them up at the end of the semester at all.

We are ^{at} looking the book of Num. We are looking at the book of Num as the picture of the Christian's pilgrimage journey. We are interested in the book as for the historical events it tells us, for the important things that it describes which of course are true. They are what actually happened. But we are even more interested in what they mean to the Christian, in the lessons in them that God wants us to draw from them. As I mentioned last time the book of Num. does not present the whole pilgrimage journey. The book of Num. presents the pilgrimage journey after it has been well started. And so at the end of our last hour we were summarizing what is told of the wilderness journey prior to the beginning of the book of Num. Now this portion I believe to be of tremendous value to every Christian worker in describing matters that he will want to deal with with new Christians. I think