

how different so many of them come out from what you expect. Some that you hardly notice perhaps in the group that do a great work for God. Some that seem outstanding and then on account of some failure of personality, some bit of human pride, some bit of putting self first instead of putting God first, fall by the way. You just can't predict what is ahead. But we pray that each one of you will appraise himself, will look at God's work, will determine where you should fit into God's work and will determine to make your life truly count to the utmost for Him. Let us pray:

God our Father we thank you for this book of Num. For its account of the pilgrimage journey of these people as they journeyed toward the promised land. And O our Father we are heading toward the promised land, moving forward to follow our Saviour, but O our God how much there is to lead us aside in one direction or another, to lead us to put our objectives ahead of God's objectives. To lead us to seek our purposes instead of His purposes. Help up our Father to develop the qualities we need to accomplish the work you have in mind for us. Help us to look on heavenly things, not on earthly things, to put Christ first in all things. And O our Father help us to see and to know your will for us in the immediate future and in the distant future and not to fail at any part of the way because we do not make the appraisal, adopt the orderliness, follow the lines which you have laid out in your holy Word. We ask in Jesus Name. Amen.