

remedied, and we stop to remedy it and we fail to reach our goal. There are many things we cannot pass by. We cannot like the priest and the Levite go by the man who is wounded and leave him there. We must stop like the Good ~~Samaritan~~ Samaritan. But it is all too easy to get stirred up about matters we can't help and to spend our time and effort trying to improve them, when we should keep our eyes on the main goal and if necessary march around Moab in order to reach the promised land. We can't deal with all the important things we are apt to face in life. God will deal with them in his own time. And he has certain definite purposes for each of us, and if we have to side step other things so long as we ourselves are not ourselves used as instruments for evil, very often we have to sidestep things we would like to stop and devote yrs. to handling. We have to consider with the little time and energy that the Lord gives any one of us, we have to consider how can we use this best in order to lead souls into His kingdom, in order to show Christians how to grow in grace, in order to advance His purposes for our present age.

Now Capital H(?) . Victory over Sihon and Og (Num. 21:21-35). If we had another month we'd stop an hour on this. But we haven't so we mention J

J. Arrival in the plains of Moab 22:1. Now they are in the plains of Moab. They are across the Jordan. They have conquered the lands across the Jordan. Th It is now only necessary to go in and to conquer the promised land. That we are not going to take up this yr. But before they go in they have certain difficulties to meet and one of these today represents matters that will be very important in the life of all of us. And so I want to spend as much time as I can looking at this important matter which I'm dealing with under 3 heads. The first of these is:

XII. The Summoning of Balaam 22:2-40. Now Balaam is very harshly spoken of in 3 passages of the NT which we will look at later if we have time. And he is very harshly referred to tho briefly in the latter part of Numbers and of Deut. <sup>in</sup> We will refer to them later if we have time. So it is very easy for the Christian to take the attitude: Among the wicked people of the world, among the wicked people mentioned in Scripture, here is one mentioned, Balaam, and that is all there is to it. But that is not the full story. Life is much more complex than that, and there