

**Sermon Theme:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Flow of Sermon**

1. *Exposition of Scripture (Numbers 25:1-13)*

a. What hinders trust in God (vss. 1-6)?

b. How is trust in God expressed (vss. 7-9)?

c. What motivates trust in God (vss. 10-13)?

Three keys to analyze culture: (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_\_

2. *Cultural Analysis*

a. Where are we?

b. How did we get here?

c. What's the way forward?

3. *Personal Application*

a.

b.

**Life Group Application Questions**

1. *What theme stood out from the message?*

2. *What resources does Christianity offer to combat sins that are superior to what the culture provides?*

3. *How might Christ's zeal for God, expressed by His dying on the cross for sins (and rising from the grave), enable you to walk in God-honoring and others-serving obedience?*

-ACACIA TREES: Same Wood Used in making Ark & Tabernacle  
 • LAST Encampment prior to entering Promised Land  
 • EAST of Jordan River... North of Dead Sea  
 • JOSH. 2:1 - LAUNCHING POINT INTO Prom. Land.  
 3:1-\*

1. IDOLATRY... SELF-CENTERED  
 - Exo. 10:14 ... FALSE IDOLATRY  
 - Gen. 3:12 ... IDOLATRY - FATHER OF FLESH  
 - Col. 3:5 ... PIRATE IDOLATRY... IDOLATRY  
 - 1 Pet. 4:3 ... LAWLESS IDOLATRY

① 13<sup>th</sup> INSTANCE OF Baal worship in ISRAEL...  
 → WHERE DID IT INITIATE? CANAAN  
 DISEASES.

**The tragic descent of sin...** - 1 While Israel remained at Shittim the people began to play the harlot with the daughters of Moab.

- INVITATION TO INDULGE
- OBEDIENCE (Participation)
- REMINISCENCE IN FELLOWSHIP
- SUBMISSION IN FULL
- BOUND...

(a) 2 For they invited the people to BALAM instructions (Num. 31:16)

↳ To ask in a friendly way to do something... context is usually around a sacrificial meal.  
 [BID]  
 Invitation is "Entice"

• CARNAL PLEASURE  
 • SEXUAL IMMORALITY

Sacrifice Act of Unsanctifiedness

↳ Cursed Be he As His Possession: Holt to the Land (Exo. 2:6)  
 ↳ Abram took to himself from family... country... kin

↳ To Entice Himself Directly to God

[WANTED IN EX. 34:15-16]  
 ↳ DO NOT DO THIS...

(b) - the sacrifices of their gods and

↳ An Act of Atonement - seeking forgiveness from a deity. (Ex. 12)

A - Sin Result of Corruption /  
 B - Instruction of Judgment to man  
 C - Moses Instructs Judgment  
 C' - Human obey  
 B' - God's Wrath Turns Away

(c) - the people ate and

↳ AFTER sacrifice has been made the people feast on what remains.  
 ↳ Part of the ceremonial ritual meal.

A' - Sin Causes 24,000 deaths from Corruption

(d) - bowed down to their gods

↳ Worship... Ritual Act of Devotion to God (Exo.)

B' - Instruction of Judgment to man

(e) 3 So Israel joined themselves to Baal of Peor.

→ GOD OF THE THRESHOLD (Exo. 21)

↳ "Sind of Peor": Deut. 4:13; Josh. 22:17-20; Hosha. 9:10; Psalm 106:28

↳ 1 Cor. 10:8 - Paul's command ↳ Cleopatra ↳ CONSCIOUS ↳ TALKED...  
 ↳ To think of SINNERS.

CULTURAL PREDICTION: ↳ Social implications... We Are All  
 ↳ Baalism & Jacobism ↳ GEN. 31:4-10  
 ↳ Human

Divine AWARE... I know Do this! - ALWAYS relates to God's REACTION TO (a). Unsanctifiedness  
 ... STRENGTHENED JUDGMENT WHICH COMES OUT OF NOT THINKING God's  
 ... CANT OF THE WORLD PROVISION.

↳ Up ahead of Israel: preview of judgment  
 How God thinks of His own people...

4 The Lord said to Moses, "Take all the leaders of the people and execute them in broad daylight before

↳ PUBLIC EXECUTION

↳ To IMPALE leaders  
 ↳ SIGN OF DISLOCATION... CURSE...

↳ Change Numbered At Tree... Gal. 3:13 + cursed.

↳ Reserved for most Heinous acts in Israel... Misappropriation  
 ↳ HUMILIATION... WHIPPING... EXTREME.

the Lord.

• so that the fierce anger of the Lord may turn away from Israel.

↳ Focus is Adversative Direction.

5 So Moses said to the judges of Israel, "Each of you slay his men who have joined themselves to Baal of Peor."

↳ Hate causes Ambiguity

↳ RESPONSIBLE WITH God's Word

NOT QUITE LIKE WHAT GOD'S COMMAND.

Moses IS God's COMMAND.

- 6 Then behold, one of the sons of Israel came and brought to his relatives a Midianite woman.

↳ Zimri

↳ COZBI

(in law)  
National  
Mother  
David

Prohibition  
midwives  
Abraham  
(Greatest)

N  
Moses  
Sacrifice  
exodus  
(Moses)  
the people

Simeon  
Reuben  
Levi  
(Chosen ones)

- PUNICAL SIN**
- Reflected to Leviticus
  - Disregarded the others
  - Flew over  
Disregarded or  
God
  - Disregarded to  
Humanity's  
foundation.

- (1) • In the sight of Moses and [PUNICAL TO GOD AND ANTHEM]

- (2) • In the sight of all the congregation of the sons of Israel, Disregarded for others & consequences of sin.

↳ plague... is Anthon's Posture. Death - Gen. 21:16  
↳ Asorah... Searah's Death - Gen. 23:2  
↳ Esau... loss of birthright - Gen. 27:18

God's Persistence, Power, & Protection Present Here.

- (3) • while they were weeping at the doorway of the tent of meeting - Disregarded from confusion

↳ Location of where God met with leaders to help & Restore.

→ Ultimately A DISMISEAL OF GOD.

Who is Phinehas? Why Was This Mtn?

Ex. 6:25

- 7 When Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest saw it,

↳ Aaron's 3rd Priest → Saw God's Holiness & Korah's rebellion that spared Israel's life...  
↳ Dostor's Unrest killed God's offering STEAK AT FIRE.

↳ UNION Position of ANTHONY: Meant to... SET APART

→ We Need A STEAKING man to  
BEND THE STRONG man &  
PLUMBER HIS hands...

- PUNIC  
- Corrupt  
- Disregarded

- (1) • he arose from the midst of the congregation and → Embraсed this Role of mediation & Understood it involved Action.

• What motivated Phinehas?  
- Anger?

- God's Instruction of Judgment
- Remake Sin From Corruption
- Like Paul in 1 Cor. 5

- (2) - took a spear in his hand, → Instrument of Execution w/ keeping with God's command.

- Death of Midian - Num. 31:6-8  
'bulletin'  
- Led Israel Against (Korah/Ye'amin)  
Buried down - Josh. 27:12-34  
- Phineas Dies - Jgs. 20:29-32  
- Highest Death Rate of Victory  
'Judas.'

- (3) • 8 and he went after the man of Israel into the tent and → The Price of Atonement

↳ ONLY TIME IS OF.  
/ Proper Execution

- (4) - pierced both of them through, the man of Israel and the woman through the body. → completed His Task.

- So the plague on the sons of Israel was checked → Only God made God To completion of Judgment

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- 9 Those who died by the plague were 24,000.

↳ The 1<sup>st</sup> Generation is judged & its consequences are complete  
↳ The population man now finite - Num. 26:10-16

### What motivates trust in God?

What is God's response to actions of Phinehas?

- 10 Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

#### Divine Zeal | Jealousy

- Final Point of God's Covenants w/ Israel  
Divine Zeal, Divine Justice, Wrath  
(Ex. 20:4-5)

#### Godly Zeal

- God's Glory
- Relationship to God
- Differentiation - Distinction
- Love/Hate - Desire/Hate
- Action - movement

- 11 Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest

- Parallel: Lemish' Response to Israelites' Whore (Exodus 32:25-26)
- Figures w/ Korah's Rebellion (Num. 16:31-50)

Justice & Israel.

- has turned away My wrath from the sons of Israel

→ Phinehas saved all of Israel from total destruction

Likelihood with God.

- In that he was jealous with My jealousy among them,

↳ What is God's zeal?  
 (1) His Name: Exodus 9:16  
 (2) His People: Zech. 1:14  
 (3) His Purpose: Isaiah 9:7  
 (4) His House: Zechariah 2

- so that I did not destroy the sons of Israel in My jealousy.

- 12 Therefore say, 'Behold, I give him My covenant of peace'

BAMAH 54:10  
Exodus 34:25  
57:26

[Ex. 26:10]

God: Will you have these hearts?

- 13 and it shall be for him and his descendants after him,

Inheritance: Anoint or Seal.

- a covenant of a perpetual priesthood.

because

- he was jealous for his God and

in Divine contrast to leaders of Israel who had taken bark of love at their God.

- made atonement for the sons of Israel."

- Atonement: Action of Peter to satisfy God's wrath for corporate sin.

Lev. 16:17

- God's Righteousness - Abram Believed God!

Phinehas interposed:

#### Allusions to Christ:

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- FATHERS - Isolate/Purity
- PHARISEE - Law/Purification
- SINNERS - Corrupt
- ZEALOTS - Passion

ZEAL...

#### (1) Religious Zeal

- Motivated by a cause - John
- Motivated by control - Elijah
- Without knowledge

- Better... Lure God from
- False...
- Counterfeits... Lust/mass factor

#### (2) Secular Zeal

- Lust
- Revenge
- Passion