

"COME THOU WITH US"

Numbers 10:29

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Introduction:

1. Relate the story of Num. 10:29-32.
 - a. Hobad desired to return home to be with his own kindred. but Moses insisted that he accompany them on their journey.
 - b. Moses was anxious to have them join them, and he gives some important reasons why Hobad should do so.
2. The story has many resemblences to the life of the Christian.
 - a. The Christian is on a journey.
 - b. He desires that others join him and his fellow-Christians on their journey.
 - c. He invites them to join them.
 - d. He offers good reasons why others should join them on their journey.
3. The reasons offered by Moses to persuade Hobad to come with them are good reasons why those in the world should "come with us."

I. BECAUSE OF OUR DESTINATION: "WE are journeying unto the place."

- A. The Christian life is a journey.
 1. Pilgrims and sojourners (I Pet. 2:11).
 - a. Pilgrim---one who lives as a foreigner in a strange land.
 - b. Sojourner---one who remains
in a place but a short while, as a traveler on a journey. Cf. Heb. 11-9,13.
 2. The sense in which Christians are pilgrims and sojourners.
 - a. Their citizenship is in heaven (Phil. 3:20). "This world is not my home, I'm just a passing thru,...* etc..
 - b. Subscribing to the rights, privileges and laws of our heavenly citizenship, we live an holy and separated life in this strange land (I Pet. 1:15-16; 4:2, 4). Thus we 'pass the time of our sojourning in fear," (I Pet. 1:17), or reverential awe for the God we serve. Cf. 2 Tim. 1:7; Phil. 2:12-16.
- B. The Christian life is a journey to a definite place.
 1. A better place (Heb. 11: 16).
 - a. A country of our own (Heb. 11:14).
 - b. A city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God (Heb. 11:10).
 2. A beautiful and blessed place with perfect and full fellowship of the redeemed with God (Rev. 22:1-5), and Christ (Rev. 14:1-3).
 3. A resting place (Rev. 14:13) free from mourning, death and pain (Rev. 21:41).
 4. Cf. "On Jordan's Stormy Banks."

II. BECAUSE OF THE MANY MUTUAL BENEFITS: "We will do thee good ... thou mayest be unto us instead of eyes."

- A. Those in the world, like Hobad, have many abilities, resources and time that when they become Christians may be utilized in the Lord's cause.

B. Christians have much ~ to - offer each other on the journey of life.

1. Love one another (Jno. 13-34-35).
2. Serve one another (Gal. 5:13).
3. Encourage one another (1 Thess. 5:11).
4. Bear with one another (Eph. 4:2).

C. "Come thou with us, and we will do thee good."

III. BECAUSE OF THE DIVINE PROMISE: "Because Jehovah hath spoken good concerning Israel."

A. Gods promises are sure and steadfast (Heb. 6-13-201, and they are precious and exceeding great to the Christian (2 Pet. 1:4).

1. This should be a strong argument for non-Christians to obey the gospel and join us on our journey.
2. The alternative should also be remembered. If God has spoken good concerning us, what has He said concerning others? Matt. 7:13-14, 21-23; 1 Pet. 4:17-18; 2 Thess. 1:7-9; Rev. 21:9 with Matt. 11:27-30 and Rev. 22-17.

B. What God has promised concerning us.,

1. Forgiveness of sins when we became Christians (Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:36-38).
2. Forgiveness when we repent and pray as Christians (Acts 8:13, 22; 1 Jno. 1:7-10; 2:1-2; Jas. 5:16).
- 3 His abiding 'presence (Matt. 28:20b; Heb. 13:5-61).
4. An incorruptible inheritance (I Pet. 1-3-4).
5. A crown of life to those who endure (Jas. 1: 12). Cf. other promises to the "overcomers": Rev. 2:7, 11, 17, 26-28; 3:5,12,21.

Conclusion:

1. Sinner friend, will you come and go with us?
2. My brother, will you busy yourself in inviting others to come and go with us? Prov. 11:30; Dan. 12-1-3; Matt. 7:12.