

NUMBERS 21:4-9

JEHOVAH RAPHA

Again, the Israelites complained to God because they felt they didn't have enough food and drinks. Because of their complaints, God sent poisonous snakes into the camp to bite the people and the people would die. Eventually, the people of Israel went to Moses and repented. Moses prayed, but God did not take away the snakes. Instead, he told Moses to make a bronze snake and put it on a pole.

Whoever had been bitten by a snake and then looked at the bronze snake on the pole, would be healed. But if they did not look at it, they would die. Their faith in God by obeying God's instruction would save them.

Because of their faith, God healed the people as He is Jehovah Rapha which means God Who Heals. If you are not feeling well now or if you know someone who needs healing, pray to God with your faith and believe that the illness will be healed by our Jehovah Rapha!

Key verse:

*Jeremiah 17:14
Lord, heal me,
and I will truly
be healed*

Prayer

*Dear Jesus, I
thank You for You
are my healer.
I want to pray
for _____
(mention the
name of someone
who is sick) to be
healed in Jesus
Name. Amen.*

NUMBERS 22:21-35

GOD SPEAKS IN MANY WAYS

There was a man in the Bible who talked to a donkey. The man was Balaam. When the Israelites were camping near Moab, Balak, the king of Moab called Balaam to curse against Israel because whoever he cursed would be cursed. God told Balaam not to do it but he was still going to meet the king anyway. He rode on his donkey to go to Balak.

On the way to see Balak, suddenly the donkey saw an Angel of God blocking their way, so it stopped walking. It made Balaam angry because he didn't see the Angel. He hit the donkey 3 times! At the third time, God miraculously made the donkey speak. The Angel told Balaam that the donkey saved his life. If the donkey had not stopped, the Angel would have struck Balaam dead. The donkey knew better than Balaam that he had to listen to God.

God will speak to you in any way to get your attention. It could be through something that is beyond your imaginations! Honoring and obeying God's Word is a key to hearing God's voice. When God talks to you, listen to Him carefully and obey Him.

Key verse:

*Psalm 32:8
I will instruct
you and teach
you*

Prayer

*Dear God, I thank
You that You are
God who speaks.
Help me to listen
to You and obey
You. Amen*

NUMBERS 27:12-23

BE PATIENT

Before he died, Moses requested God to appoint someone to replace him to lead the Israelites, so that the Israelites would not be like sheep without a shepherd. We can see that Moses really cared about the Israelites, even until the day when God was about to take him to heaven. It shows that Moses really loved the Israelites despite the Israelites' grumbling and rebelling for many years.

Many times, the Israelites grumbled to God, bringing God's punishment upon themselves. Then, Moses had always asked the Israelites to repent and at the same time he had also begged God to forgive the Israelites.

No doubt, Moses was one of the great prophets. We can learn from Moses about being patient. He patiently guided and instructed the Israelites, handling their grumbling for 40 years. There are times when you might need to use a lot of patience to deal with some people. Instead of giving them up, learn to be patient and kind to them. Pray for them.

Key verse:

*1 Corinthians
13:4*

*Love is patient,
love is kind*

Prayer

*Dear God, teach
me to be patient
with life, with
other people and
even with myself.
Amen.*

NUMBERS 30:1-2

KEEPING PROMISES

God told Moses that when people made a vow or promise to God, they had to keep it. If they did not keep it, it would be a sin so there would be some consequences to bear. For God, keeping a promise is very important, and that's why God takes His people's promise so seriously. Keeping a promise is doing what you say you will do.

How do you feel when your best friend promises you something?

Surely, you will be so excited.

But how do you feel when he or she breaks the promise?

You will be disappointed and get upset.

It is the same as when we make a promise to God. He does not forget your promise to Him. He will be expecting you to fulfil it. God expects us to be His children who can keep our promises because He is our Father whom always keeps His promises.

There is a famous quote: "Do not make any promise when you are feeling overly happy". It means perhaps being too happy will cause you to say more than what you mean, and in the end, you may break the promise.

If you have some pending promises to God or your parents or your friends, keep and fulfill your promises.

Key verse:

Ecclesiastes 5:5

It is better not to promise anything than to promise something and not do it.

Prayer

Dear God, give me wisdom and lead me so that I will not fall into temptation of making empty promises. Amen.

NUMBERS 33:50-55

JESUS, MY ONLY GOD

Just moments before the Israelites finally entered the promised land, God once again told Moses His rules. One of them was to destroy all the carved images and cast idols of the people on that land. God wanted the Israelites to make God be the only one they worshipped.

Worshipping is what is going on inside your heart at all times. When you worship the true GOD, whatever you do will be for making God happy. When you worship something else and it becomes an idol in your life, you will become less like God and more like whatever you worship.

God is the only one who is able to fulfill your deepest need and give the joy you seek. He deserves to be the one who has the most room in your heart. Let Him be the only God you worship.

Let's take a moment to think about what can take away God's place from your heart. Celebrities, social media, money or games may be catching your attention, but they cannot love you like God loves you. They do not save you like God has saved you.

Key verse:

*1 John 5:21
Dear children,
keep yourselves
from idols.*

Prayer

*Dear God, let
there be no other
gods in my life,
except You. I
belong to You.
Amen.*

NUMBERS 35:1-5

INHERITANCE

God reminded Moses that the promised land was given to them by God as an inheritance. It was not because they earned it. Do you know the difference between 'inheritance' and 'earning'? An inheritance is something that someone receives, passed by the previous owner (usually his parents), without having to work for it. An earning is something that someone receives after he does his work,

God's inheritance is freely given to you and me. We do not earn it. You believe in God and become God's child. It means you have a heavenly Father who watches over you all the time. A Father who protects and blesses you, so you will grow up to be a wonderful person that shows God's love. A Father who will correct you when you are in the wrong path. Then, you will inherit His grace and eternal life in heaven. God's inheritance for you is eternal.

Key verse:

*1 Peter 1:4
and into an
inheritance
that can never
perish, spoil
or fade. This
inheritance is
kept in heaven
for you.*

Prayer

*Dear God, thank
You for making
me Your child.
Thank You for
the eternal
inheritance kept
in heaven for me.
Amen.*

DEUTERONOMY 1:19-33

FAITH OVER FEAR

Moses reminded the Israelites of the day when they did not listen to God due to their fear. Twelve spies were sent to observe Canaan before the Israelites entered the land. When the spies came back with some news that the people who lived there were so big, the Israelites were very scared and refused to enter the land. Because of their fear and unbelief, it took so long for them to reach the promised land while in fact, they were already very close to it.

Fear is a normal feeling people have when facing danger. There are many reasons that cause people to have fear. One of the most common reasons is that they are unsure about what they will face ahead of them. Fear will prevent people from enjoying God's best blessing. Fear might delay the fulfillment of God's promises in our lives.

The only antidote to overcome fear is to have faith in God. When you know there is someone whom you can wholeheartedly trust and who never fails you, it gives you assurance. You do not have to dwell in your fear anymore. Just surrender your fear to God and remember His promises that He will always be with you. Have faith in Him.

Key verse:

*Deuteronomy
1:21
Do not fear or
be discouraged.*

Prayer

*Dear God,
sometimes I
feel afraid. But
I know You can
help me and You
will always help
me. I don't want
to dwell in my
fear because I
have You, Jesus,
who is always by
my side. Amen.*