

Come With Us

Num 10:29-32

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Introduction:

1. The Bible contains many invitations.
 - a. God invites people to join Him where He is going and in what He is doing.
 - b. What a great blessing! - To think that God would invite me to join Him is a blessing too great for words!
2. In this passage, Moses is talking to a man named Hobab.
 - a. There is some confusion about this man, Hobab
 - b. Some think that Hobab is another name for Jethro, Moses father-in-law
 - c. Some think that Hobab was the son of Jethro and that he was the brother-in-law of Moses
 - d. Raguel in vs 29 appears to be another name for Jethro and Hobab is the son of Raguel so he is Moses' brother-in-law
3. Israel is leaving their encampment at the foot of Mount Sinai.
 - a. They had been camped there for 11 months

- b. While they were there, they received the Law, built the Tabernacle and learned how to worship the Lord God.
 - c. Now, they are breaking camp and heading toward Canaan.
 - d. Before they leave, Moses takes the time to invite Hobab, to go with them to their destination.
4. I would like to study this invitation to companionship today.

I. COME WITH US FOR WE ARE A SPECIAL PEOPLE

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A. *The Children of Israel are Special*

1. Moses used the words “us” and “we”.
2. He was inviting Hobab to join a special people.
3. The children of Israel were special because they were...

a) *A Chosen People, Deut. 7:6*

6 For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth.

b) *A Redeemed People, Ex. 15:13 (blood of the lamb)*

13 Thou in thy mercy hast led forth the people which thou hast redeemed: thou hast guided them in thy strength unto thy holy habitation.

4. Since Hobab was not a part of Israel, he was outside of a covenant relationship with God.

a) *Hobab was a Midianite*

b) *He worshipped the gods of Midian*

c) *He was a lost man cut off from the blessings / promises of the Lord*

5. Would Hobab join himself with Moses and the children of Israel and the God of Israel or would he go back to Midian?

B. Believers are a Special People

1. The saints of God are a special people as well.
 - a) *If you are a believer in Jesus Christ, you are special!*
 - b) *You have been chosen by Him, Eph. 1:4; John 15:16*
Eph 1:14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.
 - c) *You are special because you have been redeemed, or cleansed by Him, 1 Pet. 1:18-19; Col. 1:14*
Col 1:14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:
 - d) *If you are saved, you are special, 1 Pet. 2:9*
9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:
2. We are privileged to invite the lost to come with us to heaven
 - a) *We have the honor of inviting all those around us to “Come with us”*
 - b) *This thing called salvation is something that is to be shared*
 - c) *We can give away what we have without lessening the value of what we have.*
3. There is no salvation outside the Lord Jesus Christ!
 - a) *You can't be saved by joining this or any other church*
 - b) *You can't be saved by observing the ordinances of this church*
4. Salvation can only be found in a personal relationship with Jesus
5. The Bible says, “Ye must be born again”, it means what it says!
 - a) *There must be a moment in time when you look to Jesus by faith*

and trust Him as your Savior by faith,

Ac 16:31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

Ro 10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

6. As a family member, you are entitled to all the rights/privileges
 - a) *You become a child of God, 1 John 3:1-3.*
 - b) *You are adopted into His family, Rom. 8:15.*
 - c) *You secure a place in Heaven, John 14:1-3.*
 - d) *You are saved “to the uttermost”, Heb. 7:25.*
7. Inviting people to “come with us” is more than a privilege it is also an obligation.

Come With Us for We are a Special People

II. COME WITH US TO A SPECIAL PLACE - VS 29

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A. Children of Israel Were Headed to the Promised Land

1. Moses invited his brother-in-law to join them on their journey to that land God had promised to them, Ex. 3:8.
2. It was to a land of blessing and of victory.
3. 20x- Canaan land is called “a land of milk and honey.”
4. It was to be a good place. Best of all, it was to be their place.

B. We are Headed to the Promised Land

1. We are also headed to a special place.
 - a) *It is not a land of milk and honey. But, it is a land of peace, joy and sinless perfection.*
 - b) *It is a land of blessing where none of the problems and afflictions of earth can follow, Rev. 21:4; 27.*
 - c) *It is a place called Heaven and it is promised to us*
Joh 14:1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, *there* ye may be also.

Come with Us to a Special Place...

III. COME WITH US AND WE WILL DO YOU GOOD

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A. We Will Do Thee Good

1. “We will do thee good” – Moses is telling Hobab,
 - a) *“If you will come with us, we will treat you right!*
 - b) *God is blessing us and we will share those blessings with you.*
 - c) *We will do our best to be a blessing to you!”*
2. If Hobab wanted to enjoy the blessings of the Lord, then he was going to have to go with Israel.
3. The children of Israel were not rich - they were nomads in the wilderness
4. Moses was saying, “We can do you spiritual good.”

5. Come with us and what God has given to us we will do our best to do you spiritual good

B. We Want to Help Other People

1. Our church should be able to offer people some things they cannot find anywhere else in this world. We offer....
 - a) *Someone who genuinely cares for them – Rom. 12:15; Rom. 15:1-2; 1 Cor. 13:5; Phil. 2:4*
 - b) *Someone who will help them carry their burdens – Gal. 6:2*
 - c) *Someone who will love them unconditionally – Matt. 22:39; Rom. 13:9-10; Gal. 5:14; James 2:8.*
 - d) *They should find fellowship, acceptance, and family.*
 - e) *We should be able to say to every person who unites with this church: “We will do thee good!”*

IV. COME WITH US AND GOD WILL DO YOU GOOD

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- Moses told Hobab “the Lord hath spoken good concerning Israel ”
- He is inviting Hobab to share in all the great blessings that God has promised to give to Israel.
- When we look at an individual and say “Come with us”, we are inviting them to partake of the great promises that God has given to us.
- Here are the promises we have, that we can share with others.

A. Come Share The Promise Of A Home

1. Just as the wilderness was not the final destination for Israel, this world is not the final home of believers

2. We are merely passing through 1 Pet. 2:11.

11 Dearly beloved, I beseech *you* as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;

3. We are headed to a much better land, Phil. 1:23.

23 For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better:

B. Come Share The Promise Of Hope

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1. "I will give it you" is filled with promise.

2. Moses is inviting Hobab to rest on the promises of the Lord.

3. Moses is saying, "There is hope for tomorrow!"

a) *The Lord has promised better things down the road!"*

b) *That is the hope of the believer!*

4. This world is a place of heartaches, trials and troubles, Job 14:1.

5. Let me tell you what's in your future, if you are saved.

a) *There will be a Day of Rest*

(1) You will lay down the burdens of this life and you will enter a place of peace, rest and safety, where you will never be troubled again!

(2) Some of you have fought battles and paid the price to live for the Lord.

b) *There will be a Day of Reunion*

(1) Many have seen those they love leave this world in death.

(2) It was a hard day when God called that loved one to glory.

(3) The months and years that have passed haven't dulled the pain and the emptiness you feel in your heart.

- (4) I want to remind you there is coming a great reunion day, 1The 4:13-18.
 - (5) Even better is the fact that we will see and be with our Jesus!
 - (6) We will look on the One Who died for our sins on the cross
- c) *There will be a Day of Reward*
- (1) Some have served in faithful silence while others got all the glory.
 - (2) I want to remind you that God didn't miss a thing you did.
 - (3) He saw it all and He took good notes.
 - (4) He knows every prayer you prayed.
 - (5) He knows every dollar you gave.
 - (6) One day, He will balance the scales and those who have tooted their own horn; those who have received all the pats on the back; those who have be given the accolades of men, will watch their works burn to ashes, while you hear Jesus say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord".

c. Come Share The Promise Of Help

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1. "The Lord did not redeem us to abandon us in this wilderness.
2. He will go with us; He will bless us and He will help us all the way to the Promised Land."
3. As we journey toward glory, we also have certain promises that we can count on. We have a divine Helper in this life

4. He Has Promised To Sustain Us – Phil 4:9; Matt 6:25-23
5. He Has Promised To Sanctify Us
 - a) *He set Israel apart and made them a holy, separate people.*
 - b) *When He saved you and me, He did the very same thing*
6. He Has Promised To Secure Us
 - a) *God did what He promised and He brought Israel safely through into the Promised Land.*
 - b) *God did not save you to lose you along the way.*
 - c) *Just like Israel, “And he brought us out from thence, that he might bring us in, to give us the land which he swore unto our fathers”, Deut. 6:23.*
 - d) *He saved us for keeps, John 6:37-40; John 10:28; 1 Pet. 5:7*

v. COME WITH US AND YOU CAN HELP US

31 And he said, Leave us not, I pray thee; forasmuch as thou knowest how we are to encamp in the wilderness, and thou mayest be to us instead of eyes.

1. Moses said, “We could be a blessing to you, but you could also help us.
2. Not only do you need us, but we need you
 - (1) This desert was Hobab’s home territory.
 - (2) He knew where the best camp sites were located.
 - (3) He knew where the best trails could be found.
 - (4) Hobab knew what areas were safe to enter
 - (5) He knew where all the watering holes were.
 - (6) Moses said, “We will be a blessing to you and you will be a blessing to us. Come thou with us!”

Conclusion:

1. When Hobab heard the invitation, his first response was to say “No”
10:30 And he said unto him, I will not go; but I will depart to mine own land, and to my kindred.
 - a. Moses’ heart must have been broken when he heard Hobab say, “No”
 - b. Hobab was not just rejecting Moses, or the children of Israel, but was rejecting the faith and God of Moses
 - c. He went home to the gods and religion of Midian
 - d. He was not just saying “no” to Moses, but he was also saying “no” to God
2. Moses even pleaded with Hobab - vs 31
31 And he said, Leave us not, I pray thee; forasmuch as thou knowest how we are to encamp in the wilderness, and thou mayest be to us instead of eyes.
3. The later history of the Midianites is tragic and terrible - Num 31
 - a. The sins of the Midianites were so terrible that God could not tolerate their existence
 - b. In Num 31 God ordered a great slaughter of the Midianites
 - c. I wonder if Hobab was still alive at the time of the slaughter
 - d. It turned out that Moses’ inviting Hobab was not just an offer to go to Canaan, but it was also an offer to escape tragedy.
4. So, here is your invitation today, “Come with us!”
 - a. Come with us to Heaven if you are not saved.
 - b. Come to Jesus and be saved.
 - c. Come with us as we serve the Lord. He will bless you and He will bless us by your presence.
 - d. Come with us and enjoy the future the Lord has for this church.
5. He has a plan for us and we can either go willingly and be blessed, or we can say “No” and miss out on all the blessings.
6. Has God spoken to you today?

- a. Has He spoken to you about your soul? Come to Jesus!
- b. Has He spoken to you about some problem you are facing, or some need you have and you want to bring it to Him?
- c. Has He spoken to you about the need to go to others and say “Come with us”? Come to Jesus!
- d. Whatever the need, don’t say “No” to God. Say “Yes” to Him and come get the help you need from Him!