

Sermon Discussion Questions: Numbers 22:22-36

July 1st, 2018

1. What in the sermon encouraged you, comforted you, challenged you, or informed you?
2. Read Numbers 22:22, 32-33, 35. Why does the Lord angrily disapprove of the prophet Balaam's visit to Balak? What does the Lord ultimately want to make sure Balaam does (Numbers 22:35 & 38)?
3. What seems to be driving Balaam's anger in this situation (Numbers 22:23-30)? Why do we get angry when our plans are disrupted?
4. Read Numbers 22:31 & 34. How does Balaam respond to the Angel when he realizes the Lord is using the angel to disrupt his plans? Why is this the appropriate response?
5. In this story we see the Lord open the eyes of Balaam to see the mystery of God's good plan even though it is different than his own. The Westminster Confession answer to the question of what is God's providence states, "God's providence is his completely holy, wise, and powerful preserving and governing every creature and every action, ordering them all to His own glory." Ironically, In God's wisdom and providence he uses the mouthpiece of a donkey to begin opening the eyes of Balaam to God's direction. How does James 4:13-17 tell us to live our lives in light of God's providence? How is this difficult for you?