

things first. And so the Lord wants us to have our eyes looking back at Calvary and never forgetting His work, and yet never thinking that we are before it realizing that it is a finished work and we can stand upon it and it can be our foundation to go forward, but He also wants us to keep our eyes on the Promised Land and to know that we are strangers upon this earth. We are displaced persons upon this earth, and while we have to our own country, and to our own ~~associations~~ <sup>associates</sup> which we ~~we~~ have our duty to ~~be~~ performed properly, yet it is secondary always to our duty to God. We are looking to the Promised Land to which we are headed.

Now of course we are not to say that all of the Israelites perfectly carried out these matters. Perhaps the book of Num. ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> all the more apt and appropriate for the Christian that it does not show perfect people who did exactly what the Lord wants. It shows human beings even as we are. But human beings who were on the pilgrimage journey, and we can learn from their successes and we can learn from their mistakes, and we can learn lessons that are very important <sup>for us</sup> in our pilgrimage journey. And so I feel that ~~we~~ as we look at the OT in the life of the Christian, we are justified, in fact it is a thing we should do very definitely, to look at the ~~book~~ book of Num. from that ~~viewpoint~~ <sup>viewpoint</sup> -- What does it mean to us in our pilgrimage journey? And we will continue with that next week

Let us pray. "Our Father, we thank you for this chapel period. We pray that those who are not signed up for the course may receive real value from their spiritual lives, from our study together. And we pray for those who are signed up for it, that from the assignment given they may receive further value to their spiritual lives. But help us our God not to be hearers of the Word only, but doers and to go forward to make our lives count for Christ. We ask in Jesus Name. Amen."