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that we must make restitution, we must make confession to those wronged, and of course to the Lord, but not the world in general, not to the world at large. I've heard people giving testimonies after they were saved in which they have told about all the evil they have done before and seem to gloated, seemed to almost to rejoice in it and of course people love to hear details of things they would not mixed in themselves. We rejoice in hearing how somebody has been delivered out of it, but we want to be careful that we are not rejoicing in wallowing in something that we would personally not want to be mixed with, but simply utilizing the person's testimony for the wrong purpose.

So then this was an important part of the -- what was required in order to keep the camp as holy as possible that the pilgrimage journey might go forward effectively.

G. The Law of Jealousy. Num. 5:11-31. The law of jealousy. As you read this section you find the word "jealousy" a number of times in it, it's the law of jealousy and yet I think that most who read it misinterpret it and think that it ~~consists~~ consists in regulations for establishing purity, or regulations for doing away with adultery. That is not what it is. It is the law of jealousy. The word is used repeatedly here. Now we will however note other aspects first before we speak specifically of that.

1. Note the high moral demands of the O.T. This is especially important in relation to Israel as God's people. Israel fell into sin. Israel had to eventually be sent into exile for its sin. But archaeological evidence makes it very clear that the standard, the moral standard of Israel was far ahead of the moral standard of the people's round about. God in His word ordered very high moral standards but people easily fall into sin, but the standard was raised way above that of the people round about. And there are very strict laws in the Pentateuch and elsewhere in the Scripture about our maintaining high moral standards. but this is a specific test to discover a case of adultery and it is a very interesting and peculiar passage/