

Balaam was one who himself believed in Jehovah and spoke Jehovah's ~~g~~ words even though other people thought of him as somebody who had a magical power. And ~~you~~ you will find that if you do a good work for God there are <sup>going to be</sup> some people who think you have a magical power and you ~~want~~ want to try to keep them for getting that idea, but if you really accomplish things for the Lord, false ideas will spread about you. So they said to him, come and curse me this people for they are too mighty for me. I'd like to smite them and drive them out of the land, and I wot that he whom thou blessest is blessed and he whom thou cursest is cursed. And so they went with the rewards of divination in their hands and they came to Balaam, and here is vs. 8. one of the fine verses in the Scripture, and another identical vs. later which is one of the bad vs. in Scripture and they are almost identical ~~identical~~. This one sayd, that "Balaam said unto them Lodge here this night, and I will bring you word again, as the Lord shall speak unto me". And when you come up against something that is new to you stay, lodge with me till I look into it, while I enquire what God's will is, while I investigate the Scripture. Don't jump to a conclusion that something is evil and wrong because at first sight it appears so. Don't jump to conclusions that someone is a true servant of God because he gives you that impression at first. Take time to investigate, and to ~~look~~ look into the Scripture and to find what God's will is. So Balaam said, Wait until I find out. So we read here that he asked God's will that night and God said to Balaam, Thou shalt not go with them, thou shalt not curse the people for they are blessed. And Balaam rose up in the morning and said to the princes of Balak, Get you into your own land, for the Lord refuseth to give me leave to go withh you." Here they came with their rewards; they offered them to him, he turned it down because he wanted to do only God's will. So that h-- the first overture to him was definitely turned down. He investigated, found what God's will was, determined to ~~act~~ act upon it. That is Balaam's first reply, Capital B, chapter 22:8-14.

C. The Second Request, 22:9-20. And Balak sent other princes more noble than these and he sent these other princes with more rewards in their hands and they came