

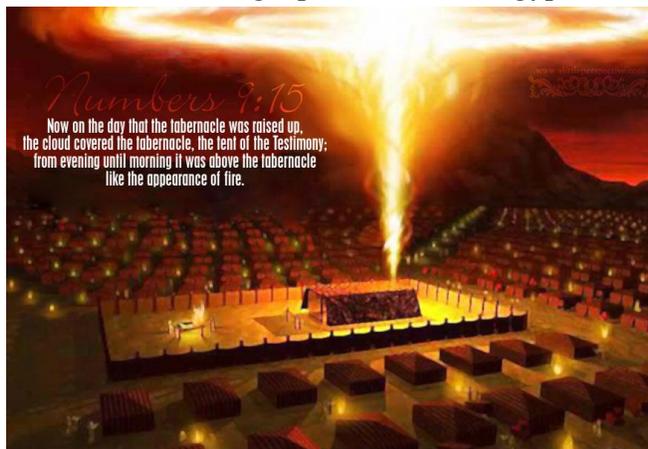
“Through the Bible in a Year with Pastor Don and the FBC Family”

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- ✓ Numbers 8-9– From the seven lamps to Passover at Sinai.
- ✓ John 16:5-33 – Christ’s predictions about the Spirit and coming sorrows followed by joy.
- ✓ Psalm 9:8-20 – God’s is a refuge in times of trouble.

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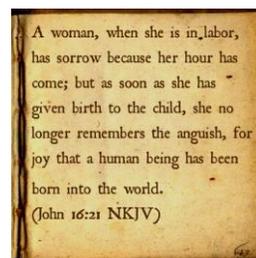
Numbers 8-9. In the first fourteen verses of Numbers 9, we see God’s command that His people celebrate the day He saved all the firstborn of Israel. While issuing a punishment on Egypt. The Passover event was a beautiful grace event for the Israelites, but a terrifying judgment to the Egyptians who rejected God’s grace. God wanted them to clearly remember His grace to those who believe and judgment on those who disbelieve/oppose Him. In this section of Scripture, *‘Ehyeh* intends to visit them again, and He intends to dwell among them and guide them as per the *cloud settling in their midst and guiding them* (9:15-23). Because of the person and work of Jesus Christ, this presence of God has now come to abide in the life of the Church



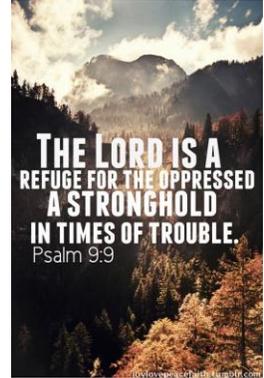
Age believer in a way that did not exist before (John 14:16). The marvelous truth now is that we are the temples of God: *1 Corinthians 3:16 Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?* He is in us to actualize the supernatural life that makes possible to love God, which is the only true and pure Christian motivation for all that He commands us to do.

John 16:5-33. After Jesus Christ tells the disciples about the convicting ministry of the Holy Spirit with regard to the world/unbeliever (John 16:8-11), He tells them that in their present state they were not able to receive any more spiritual truth. Their hearts were hardened because they were so occupied with their own preeminence in an earthly kingdom, so they saw no need for Jesus’ death. Moreover, they were experiencing sorrow over His impending departure coupled with predictions of a traitor among them and that they would all desert Him. He, then, told them that the Holy Spirit would come and guide them into all of the truth. He would enable them “to get it.”

However, He also told them that rough days were ahead for them, but that their sorrow would be turn to joy, which He illustrated by the new life when a child is born as crying gives way to the wonders of a new life.



Psalm 9:8-20. In this section, David shifts focus away from the justice of God and turns our attention to the oppressed, the afflicted, the needy, and the poor. There are the faithful worshippers of the Lord who have been persecuted, abused, and exploited by the world for being true to the Lord. David praises the Lord for His faithfulness in caring for His sheep. He makes it clear that the Lord “will not forsake them,” the Righteous Avenger will not fail them. He will not fail to hear their cries and execute justice on their behalf. The focus of the faithful must be on bearing witness to a dark and brutal world that Yahweh is the only true and living God and leave the rest to Him—who is the only true and everlasting stronghold, especially in times of trouble.



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