IN THE WILDERNESS
NUMBERS 22-24
THE DONKEY & THE DIVINER
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I. A KING WITH A PROBLEM

Balak hires _____ to pronounce a _____ upon Israel.

Balak may not know about God's _____, but God has not _____ it.

II. A PROPHET WHO CANNOT SEE

God has _____ him to go, but that doesn't mean God _____ of what is in Balaam's heart.

The _____ sees what the _____ cannot.

III. A CURSE THAT CANNOT BE SPOKEN

What God has _____, no one can _____.

IV. A KING WHO IS COMING

Through Jesus Christ, God has _____.

V. THE UNSEEN BLESSING

The Israelites have _____ any of this is happening.

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS:

1. When have you known what God was asking of you, but because it wasn't what you wanted, you kept looking for a way around it? Are there ways we sometimes treat prayer or obedience as a means of getting God to do what we want rather than submitting to His will?

2. In Numbers 22:22–35, Balaam repeatedly fails to recognize what is happening right in front of him. How can our own desires or ambitions blind us to spiritual realities? What can help us recognize those blind spots?

3. The account of Balaam's talking donkey is one of the more unusual stories in Scripture. If someone asked you how you could possibly believe it really happened, how would you respond? What reasons do we have for taking such accounts seriously?

4. Read Genesis 49:10 and Numbers 24:17. What connection do you see between Jacob's blessing of Judah and Balaam's prophecy? How do these passages help us understand God's unfolding plan to bring Jesus Christ into the world?

5. Read Numbers 23:19–20. How is God different from us when it comes to keeping promises? Why is this such an important truth for our faith?

6. Read Psalm 121. How does this psalm deepen our understanding of God's unseen protection and care? Can you recall a time when you later recognized God's faithfulness in circumstances you didn't understand at the time?

7. Read Numbers 24:17 and Romans 8:31–32. How does God's fulfillment of His promises in Jesus Christ give us confidence that He will keep His other promises? What difference should that confidence make in the way we live?