

# Sermon Series – “The History of Redemption”

## Vol. 5 – From Egypt to Canaan - Part 35 – “No Cause, No Curse!”

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Scripture Reading: Numbers 23:20-23

Balaam \_\_\_\_\_ his journey no doubt \_\_\_\_\_ by what he just experienced. He was given \_\_\_\_\_ instructions by God, but already \_\_\_\_\_ by the flattery of Balak’s princes, his only desire was to receive an abundance of the gold and silver \_\_\_\_\_ that filled the \_\_\_\_\_ of Moab. Little \_\_\_\_\_ the Israelites \_\_\_\_\_ what was unfolding behind the scenes. Were the \_\_\_\_\_ to be pulled back, they would see how one who once professed to worship the true God was now \_\_\_\_\_ with the foe for their downfall. But so long as they remained steadfast in the will of their \_\_\_\_\_, no \_\_\_\_\_ would be pronounced on them or be allowed to bring them harm. Is there a lesson for God’s \_\_\_\_\_ today as they march toward the Heavenly \_\_\_\_\_? Let us pray as we study.

### The Case of the “Converted” Curses

1. What did Balak do to further \_\_\_\_\_ Balaam to follow his will? – *Num 22:39-40*
2. What \_\_\_\_\_ worship was behind the attempt to curse Israel? *Num. 22:41*
3. Why was Balaam \_\_\_\_\_ to bless Israel instead? *Nm. 23:5-10; Pro. 26:2*
4. For what other reason was Israel \_\_\_\_\_ by God? – *Num. 23:19-24; Ps.36:7*
5. What \_\_\_\_\_ of God’s people is mentioned in the third blessing? *Num. 24:3-7; Psalm 92:12; Psalm 1*

The great magician had tried his power of enchantment, in accordance with the desire of the Moabites; but concerning this very occasion it should be said of Israel, “What hath God wrought!” While they were under the divine protection, no people or nation, though aided by all the power of Satan, should be able to prevail against them. All the world should wonder at the marvelous work of God in behalf of His people – that a man determined to pursue a sinful course should be so controlled by divine power as to utter, instead of imprecations, the richest and most precious promises, in the language of sublime and impassioned poetry. And the favor of God at this time manifested toward Israel was to be an assurance of His protecting care for His obedient, faithful children in all ages. When Satan should inspire evil men to misrepresent, harass, and destroy God’s people, this very occurrence would be brought to their remembrance, and would strengthen their courage and their faith in God.

-Patriarchs and Prophets, pp. 449

*May we ever be faithful to God and find protection from the enemy under His wings!*