

Numbers Chapter 23

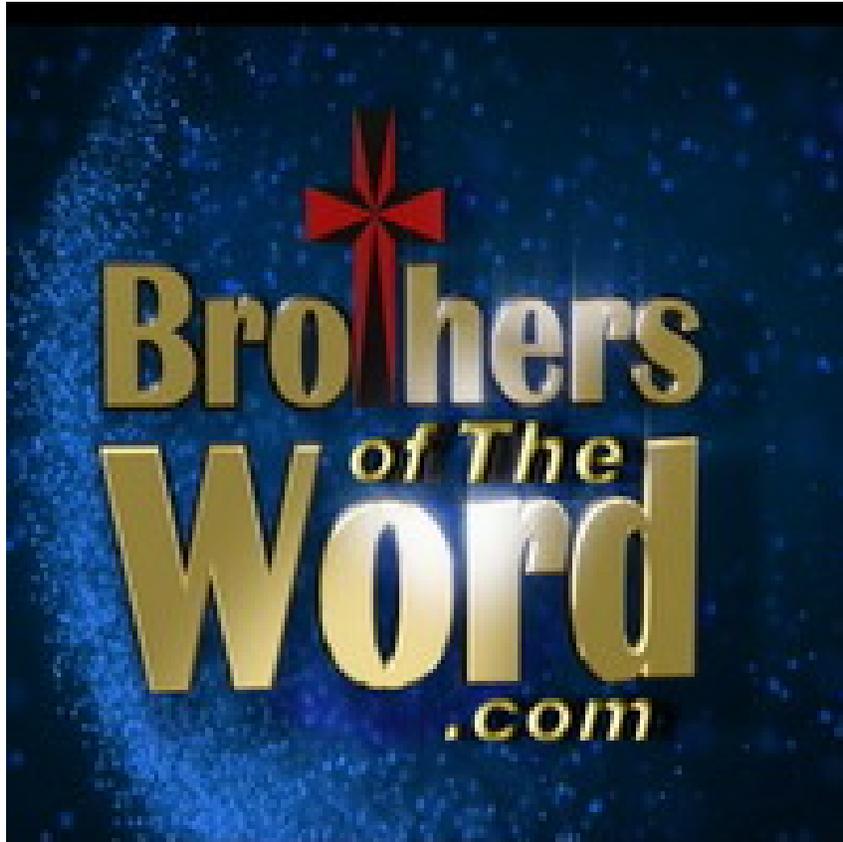
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And now for 5710, Numbers Chapter 23.

Nathaniel Bronner: Welcome to Brothers of the Word, because brother, you need the word. Amen. Today's message now, I was in the middle of a series and yesterday, I was actually getting a Bible Speaker together. Now, there's a project called The Bible Speaker at the bible-speaker.com. We've actually done a four recording of the audio bible about the King James version, the modern version, and I wanted to take someone, a bible speaker. We haven't got the actual speakers in yet. They're on their way but I had another little speaker rigged up. I have a flash drive and it set up where all of these files, all 1,189 Chapters of King James and 1,189 Chapters of the modern versions. The words for healing CD, the sleeper the wound, prayer music.

All the stuff is on this flash drive and you can set the speaker the way it plays randomly. Where it will just arbitrarily play a file. It will play one chapter and then go to another chapter and another book may switch from Old Testament, New Testament. It just plays randomly and I have it playing in my house so the word of God never stops. It's playing at the office. The word of God never stops and it never stops in the abode and that's the purpose of the Bible Speaker.

So, you can put it where you are and the word of God never stops and the thing changes vibration. So, I was getting one together for a person and the Bible Speaker, it began Numbers Chapter 23. So, I'll just listen to it and then after it played Numbers Chapter 23, it said, as it went to the next chapter, Numbers Chapter 23. Wait a minute, it's not supposed to do that. I said, that's odd. It's supposed to go to another chapter. You can set it on either random mode or continuous mode. I said, even if it's in continuous mode, it would have played 24.

So, I listen to it as it played that chapter and as it gets to the end of it, started over again, Numbers 23. I said, "What in the world, so I unplugged it, turned it off, reset it, unplugged the flash drive, put it back in, start it again, "Numbers 23." I said, "What in – it's got a button when you can advance to the next file. So, I push that and it popped over to John in the New Testament. After it played the chapter John, "Numbers 23." I said, "What in the world, and I'm sitting there. I actually when I got the instruction, I said, "Does this thing have a start or repeat button, and no, it does not. I said, "I couldn't understand it because I got several of those units over and over and over and over. I could not get it to not play Numbers 23.

And I just don't believe in accident and I have to go into prayer and asked God, and God said, "That's for somebody today." I don't know who it is but it's for somebody today and He said, "Even though you are in the middle of the series, the sermon for today and the next two sermons, I'm going to break away from that series and I'm going to give you some specific stuff. So, today's message is simply entitled, Numbers Chapter 23 and I want to play for you because this what's God says.

I don't know play if they play a whole chapter because this is good a number of verses in this chapter, things about 30 verses in the chapter. He says, play all in the whole chapter, so, you'll going to hear it from the actual, The Bible Speaker. You'll going to hear it, so AV department, if you would go ahead and play Numbers.

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Numbers Chapter 23, "And Balaam said unto Balak, Build me here seven altars, and prepare me here seven oxen and seven rams. And Balak did as Balaam had spoken; and Balak and Balaam offered on every altar a bullock and a ram. And Balaam said unto Balak, Stand by thy burnt offering, and I will go: peradventure the Lord will come to meet me: and whatsoever he sheweth me I will tell thee. And he went to an high place. And God met Balaam: and he said unto him, I have prepared seven altars, and I have offered upon every altar a bullock and a ram.

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And the Lord put a word in Balaam's mouth, and said, Return unto Balak, and thus thou shalt speak. And he returned unto him, and, lo, he stood by his burnt sacrifice, he, and all the

princes of Moab. And he took up his parable, and said, Balak the king of Moab hath brought me from Aram, out of the mountains of the east, saying, Come, curse me Jacob, and come, defy Israel. How shall I curse, whom God hath not cursed? or how shall I defy, whom the Lord hath not defied? For from the top of the rocks I see him, and from the hills I behold him: lo, the people shall dwell alone, and shall not be reckoned among the nations. Who can count the dust of Jacob, and the number of the fourth part of Israel? Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his! And Balak said unto Balaam, What hast thou done unto me? I took thee to curse mine enemies, and, behold, thou hast blessed them altogether. And he answered and said, Must I not take heed to speak that which the Lord hath put in my mouth? And Balak said unto him, Come, I pray thee, with me unto another place, from whence thou mayest see them: thou shalt see but the utmost part of them, and shalt not see them all: and curse me them from thence. And he brought him into the field of Zophim, to the top of Pisgah, and built seven altars, and offered a bullock and a ram on every altar. And he said unto Balak, Stand here by thy burnt offering, while I meet the Lord yonder. And the Lord met Balaam, and put a word in his mouth, and said, Go again unto Balak, and say thus. And when he came to him, behold, he stood by his burnt offering, and the princes of Moab with him. And Balak said unto him, What hath the Lord spoken? And he took up his parable, and said, Rise up, Balak, and hear; hearken unto me, thou son of Zippor: God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good? Behold, I have received commandment to bless: and he hath blessed; and I cannot reverse it. He hath not beheld iniquity in Jacob, neither hath he seen perverseness in Israel: the Lord his God is with him, and the shout of a king is among them. God brought them out of Egypt; he hath as it were the strength of an unicorn. Surely there is no enchantment against Jacob, neither is there any divination against Israel: according to this time it shall be said of Jacob and of Israel, What hath God wrought! Behold, the people shall rise up as a great lion, and lift up himself as a young lion: he shall not lie down until he eat of the prey, and drink the blood of the slain. And Balak said unto Balaam, Neither curse them at all, nor bless them at all. But Balaam answered and said unto Balak, Told not I thee, saying, All that the Lord speaketh, that I must do? And Balak said unto

Balaam, Come, I pray thee, I will bring thee unto another place; peradventure it will please God that thou mayest curse me them from thence. And Balak brought Balaam unto the top of Peor, that looketh toward jeshimon. And Balaam said unto Balak, Build me here seven altars, and prepare me here seven bullocks and seven rams. And Balak did as Balaam had said, and offered a bullock and a ram on every altar.”

It is interesting with these verses and I said, “Lord, what mean has though these verses. And God says, there is someone and you’re concerned that someone has cursed you. You’re worried that someone has cursed you and this story of Balak who was the king and Balaam who was sort of semi prophet, magician or whatever he was and the king said to Balaam and said to him, scattered these children of Israel. Curse them, come and curse them. And Balaam said, “God said he blessed this folk. I can’t curse them” then Balak said, “You can’t curse them there.

So, he sent him to another place. He built seven altars and on each of the seven altars, he sacrificed a bull and a ram. He built another seven altars. He said, you can’t curse them there but you can curse them over here. So he sent him there, he said, “look from this place you can’t see them all but you can curse them over here.” And he went over there and God told the same thing. Balaam came and said “Look, man what God has blessed, I can’t curse.” Then he put a third place. He said, can you curse them one -- over here. People don’t worry about anybody trying to curse you when God has blessed you.

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And sometimes, especially in the African-American community, you worry sometime about some voodoo and hoodoo and all kinds of stuff. Hating, just all kind of stuff. You worried about the root doctor and this kind of stuff. You’re worried about (00:10:27) somebody going to see grandma most. All the kind of stuff. You’re worried about that kind of stuff. When God has blessed you, no man can curse you. I don’t care where they go, they can’t curse you and see the thing about it, Balak had seven altars in three different places.

So, he had a total of 21 altars. Then he made two sacrifices on each altar. He sacrificed a ram and a bull. He had 21 altars, two sacrifices per altar. He made 42 sacrifices and 42 was a

powerful number. We got a program here do42.com. I don't care what folk do when God has blessed you, they can have a divine number. They can go on a divine hill or mountain. They can get all kind of (00:11:32). They can go to all kind of root doctors. They can do all kind of dances and all kind of chants. They can find on a lot of your hair put in the on dust, stick some pins in it. I don't care what they do when God has blessed you. When God has blessed you, no man can curse you and this was what Balak did not understand that you cannot touch the bless of God. So, when you understand that, you do not fear the other folk. There is only one that you should fear, that's why the bible says, "Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."

I don't worry about anybody else. I just worry about the Lord because the Lord has all power and nothing can harm me that's not in the will of God, absolutely nothing. So as long as I am right with God, as long as I have the hedge of God, I don't worry about a thing. No one can curse you when God has blessed you.

Now, one of the pivotal verses in that Numbers 23 is Verse 21, he had 21 altars. Verse 21 says this, "He hath not beheld iniquity in Jacob, neither hath he seen perverseness in Israel. Basically, what God says is this, the good folk, I have seen iniquity in him. I haven't seen perverseness in him and I will bless him and have blessed them. And when I have blessed them, you can't curse them but I haven't seen inequity and I haven't seen perverseness.

As you see, someone -- I haven't seen inequity and I haven't seen perverseness and that (00:13:37) were perfect but inequity has to do with the state of the heart. I haven't seen inequity. Perverseness has to do with all kind of evil, it just perverted from the ways of God. I haven't seen inequity and I haven seen perverseness and what I have blessed them nothing you can't do to curse him because I got my head around him and there's nothing you can't do and somebody in here today or somebody electronically writing you, you're worried about somebody else cursing you and you don't need to be worried about that you just need to be worried about the fact that you're doing what God told you to do.

And as long as you're doing what God told you to do, there is absolutely no one and nothing that can curse you and they may come against you but they cannot prevail and people this thing

is so deep of understanding the blessings of God and to understand when God has blessed us that all that is a fantastic place to be in and you don't have to worry. Say, I do believe that's some rough stuff coming on this nation. I ain't worried about a bit of it, just absolutely not worried about a bit of it, but I think we had it for some economic times. This is going to be really, really, really, rough and see today, it's no accident that Derrick Norris is here.

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All that is stuff is designed in orchestrate. Let me tell you why there's no accident. Many of you may not know Derrick Norris. He used to be a member here at the Arch of Salvation and his job took him where he had to move to another state. He was one of the most faithful and diligent members ever of the arch. And after Derrick Norris left, God has spoken to me that one day we will fundamentally seal the arch, just as the old arch was sealed.

What do you mean seal the arch? You're not going (00:15:28) say, no that's not dead e. God has gone a pour such a great blessing upon this church that we will be able to protect the members, but He said, "it will be sealed at one point." It will only be those who are present and this will only cover those who are actively in the arch and God said, except for one person and that's Derrick Norris. He said no matter where he is. he shall be under the covering of this church. So, it's no accident you're here today.

See, that's why God orchestrates all this stuff no matter where you are. Balaam was trying to -- can you go to this mountain and bless, no I can't -- I don't care how many altars you build, no I can't bless. Can you go away, go away? No, I can't bless them Now, listen, when God has blessed you, I don't care where you are, no one can curse you and when he has blessed you, I don't care where you are. The blessings go with you. There is a covering. So, when I saw Derrick Norris, he had the day I understood. Don't you know God can touch your speaker. I'm pretty electronically wiser. It just no way in world this thing is going to be stuck right here on Numbers 23. Some reason God just stuck it right there because he wants you to understand some things. He wants you to understand when you are blessed, no person can curse you.

So, I had to play that whole thing. I'm getting ready to play a second thing. This is from the Words for Healing CD and this is called "Blessings Overtake You." Now, I want you to understand even when I recorded this CD. It was early in the morning. God just woke me up, had me go and sit in the seat in the upper room and just begin to record. And I had a little hand-held recorder, it was a demo. I was doing this as a test to see how everything was going to work. And as I began to record, it was early in the morning about 5 o'clock, everything dark. The window was open up stairs. It was the midst of the worst drought in the history ever of Atlanta. The worst drought in recorded history. It hadn't rain in months. They already had ration off (00:17:44) water.

And they were talking about even the water being eventually shut off. You all remember that? It was the worst drought in the history of the city. And early in the morning, as I began to record, I began to hear through the window. And I said, "Oh, my God, it started to rain". When I went back to re-record it professionally because I was using a little bitty hand-held recorder and this went away. I build a recording studio, so I knew how to -- this was a test. The problem was I couldn't duplicate it. There was something about the flow in the force. I couldn't duplicate it, but the sound was terrible, had all this hiss and background in it.

So, when I listen to the CD, now, I hear is my voice comes on. I hear all this noise. Nobody notices it, but me because I know what it is, but it sounds like breath. What God has blessed and I just had to order another 3,000 CDs because we sell them so fast. I just ordered another 3,000 of it. Nobody can hear what I hear as noise. It's breath.

Worst recording, I ever did, quality wise. Never meant to keep it, but it was blessed and when God blesses it, no matter how raggedy it may look to you, when God blesses it, it's blessed. I want you to put on that section and I want you just listen to these blessings. When God has blessed you, no man can curse your pled.

Deuteronomy 28, beginning with Verse 1 and these are the blessings that God set forth in his word. They were blessings not only of health, but they were blessings that covered every

single area of your life. God wants you blessed and he wants you blessed right now. Now, which shall come to pass if you diligently obey the voice of the Lord your God to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today that the Lord, your God, will set you high above all nations of the earth.

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And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you because you obey the voice of the Lord your God. Can you imagine that? Blessings, they come upon you and overtake you that means that as you move, the blessings move faster than you do. They overtake your blessings from God because you obey the voice of the Lord your God. Blessed shall you be in the city and the blessed shall you be in the country. Blessed shall be the fruit of your body, the produce of your ground and the and the increase of your herds.

The increase of you cattle, the offspring of your flux. Blessed shall be your basket and your needing bowl. Blessed shall you be when you come in and blessed shall you be when you go out. No matter where you are big, small and urban city or deep in the woods where there's no electricity, country, city, island or mountain top. Doesn't matter whatever you are coming or going. God says when you follow His word, His blessings shall overtake you wherever and whenever you are. The Lord will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before your face.

They shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways. The Lord will command the blessing on you in your store houses and all to which you set your hand and He will bless you in the land with the Lord your God is giving you. God says, who bless you in everything to which you set your hand when you follow him. The Lord will establish you as the holy people to himself just as He has warranted you.

If you keep the commandments of the Lord your God and walk in His ways, then all people of the earth shall see that you were called by the name of the Lord and they shall be afraid of you and the Lord will grant you plenty of goods and the food of your body and the increase of your livestock and in the produce of your ground and the land of which the Lord swore to your

fathers to give you. The Lord will open to you the good treasure, the heavens to give you the rain to your land and its season and to bless all the work of your hand. You shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow. And the Lord will make you the head and not the tail. You shall be above only and not beneath.

If you heed the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you today and are careful to observe them. So, you shall not turn aside from any of the words which I command you this day, to the right or the left, to go after of Gods to serve thee.”

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