



I. Scripture Lesson

Numbers 1:1-5, 17-19, 44-46 (ESV)

¹The Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying, ²“The people of Israel shall camp each by his own standard, with the banners of their fathers’ houses. They shall camp facing the tent of meeting on every side. ³Those to camp on the east side toward the sunrise shall be of the standard of the camp of Judah... ⁹they shall set out first on the march... ¹⁰On the south side shall be the standard of the camp of Reuben... ¹⁶they shall set out second... ¹⁸On the west side shall be the standard of the camp of Ephraim... ²⁴they shall set out third on the march... ²⁵On the north side shall be the standard of the camp of Dan... ³¹they shall set out last, standard by standard... ³⁴Thus did the people of Israel. According to all that the Lord commanded Moses, so they camped by their standards, and so they set out, each one in his clan, according to his fathers’ house.

II. Introduction

III. Big Idea

The end and means of the Christian life is the greatness and glory of God's presence in our midst.

- The Glory of God's Presence
 - The Goal of the Christian Life
 - The Means of the Christian Life
-
-

IV. **The Glory of God's Presence**

Exodus 40:34

³⁴ Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.

“May not a single moment of my life be spent outside the light, love and joy of God's presence...”
- Andrew Murray

“Christians in revival are accordingly found living in God's presence...”
- J.I. Packer

Hebrews 1:3

He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature

V. **The Goal of the Christian Life**

Leviticus 25:38

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt to give you the land of Canaan, and to be your God.

“The gospel is not a way to get people to heaven; it is a way to get people to God. It's a way of overcoming every obstacle to everlasting joy in God. If we don't want God above all things, we have not been converted by the gospel.”

- John Piper, *God is the Gospel*

“The critical question for our generation—and for every generation—is this: If you could have heaven, with no sickness, and with all the friends you ever had on earth, and all the food you ever liked, and all the leisure activities you ever enjoyed, and all the natural beauties you ever saw, all the physical pleasures you ever tasted, and no human conflict or any natural disasters, could you be satisfied with heaven, if Christ were not there?”

- John Piper

VI. **The Means of the Christian Life**

Faith also, in beholding the glory of Christ in this life, is accompanied with a transforming efficacy...it is the principle from whence, and the instrumental cause whereby, all spiritual change is wrought in us in this life...”

- John Owen, *The Glory of Christ*

VII. **Conclusion**

I heard the voice of Jesus say, “I am this dark world's Light;
Look unto Me, thy morn shall rise, and all thy day be bright.”
I looked to Jesus, and I found in Him my Star, my Sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk, till traveling days are done.

- Horatius Bonar, *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*