

February 22, 2009

For Your Information ...

Guests! We are especially glad that you have chosen to worship with us this morning. It is our hope that worship is an encouragement to you and that you will have opportunity to return soon. Give us an opportunity to meet you today and introduce ourselves by staying around for coffee in the foyer after the service. Also, please assist us by **filling out the Guest Pad** when it is passed during worship.

Welcome Station: Located in the foyer, our Welcome Station is designed to assist you in understanding the ministry of Redeemer. Please help yourself to the purple guest packets, The Continuing Vision of Redeemer Presbyterian Church document, the Kerygma, our newsletter pronounced ke-rîg'me, and other materials.

Redeemer Presbyterian Church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) and a member of South Texas Presbytery. For more information about Redeemer Church visit: www.redeemersa.org. For more information about the Presbyterian Church in America visit: www.pcanet.org.

Community Groups: Community Groups are small fellowships of six to twelve people meeting every other week in homes, apartments and restaurants throughout San Antonio. They are the first place where we hope our people turn for applying the gospel to their lives. To find out how you can join a community group, please contact the church office at 930-4480 or a community group leader identified on the Making Contact page in the bulletin.

Book Table: The books found here are designed to assist you in understanding the Christian life. If you want to purchase a book, please fill out the appropriate form with money enclosed. Sermon CDs are also available; simply sign up at the table. Make all checks payable to Redeemer Presbyterian Church.

Sunday Schedule

9:15-9:25 a.m. **Prayer**
9:30-10:55 a.m. **Worship**
11:10 a.m. **Christian Education**

Nurseries

Redeemer offers fully staffed nurseries for children ages newborn to 3 years of age. Redeemer encourages parents to utilize our *Training in the Pews* children's worship time during each service to better prepare your children, ages 3-5, for worship. All nurseries are at the Northeast end of the McAllister Fine Arts Center. (See map at **Welcome Station**.)

Infants I: newborn – 9 months

Infants II: 10 – 18 months

Toddler I: 19 months – 27 months

Toddler II: 28 months – 36 months

Training the Pews: 3 - 5 years

Christian Education

Toddler I (age 2)

Toddler II (age 3)

Pre K- K (age 4-5)

Primary I (ages 6-7)

Primary II (ages 8-9)

Junior (ages 10-11)

Youth (7th-12th grades)

Pastor's Forum (All ages)

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Redeemer Presbyterian Church

February 22, 2009

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

In consideration of other worshippers, please program all communication devices to silent mode. Parents, nurseries are available during the worship service for children ages 6 weeks to 3 years. Babies and toddlers are also welcome in the auditorium. The balcony is available for nursing mothers; you may enter the balcony through the side door upstairs. The service is broadcast in the lobby area immediately outside the auditorium for the convenience of parents whose children become restless during worship.

Reflection & Preparation

Then Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world- to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice." Pilate said to him, "What is truth?" John 18:37-38

So you wanna go back to Egypt, where it's warm and secure.
Are you sorry you bought the one-way ticket when you thought you were sure?
You wanted to live in the Land of Promise, but now it's getting so hard.
Are you sorry you're out here in the desert, instead of your own backyard?

from the song, "So You Wanna Go Back to Egypt", by Keith Green

Thus childish fear did *Israel* of old
From plenty and the Promised Land withhold;
They fancied giants, and refused to go,
When *Canaan* did with milk and honey flow.

from the poem, "On Death", by Anne Killegrew

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Victor R. Martinez

Prelude

Call to Worship

The Rev. Thomas C. Gibbs

Minister: The Lord has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

People: He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Minister: Shout for joy before the Lord, the King!

People: Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

Minister: Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy; let them sing before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth.

All: He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.

***Hymn of Adoration**

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken'. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. The first staff contains the first line of music and the first line of lyrics. The second staff contains the second line of music and the second line of lyrics. The third staff contains the third line of music and the third line of lyrics. The fourth staff contains the fourth line of music and the fourth line of lyrics. The music is written in a simple, clear style suitable for a hymn book.

1. Glo-rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God;
2. See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring ing from e - ter - nal love,
3. Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov 'ring, see the cloud and fire ap - pear
4. Sav - ior, if of Zi - on's cit - y I, through grace, a mem - ber am,
he whose word can - not be bro - ken formed thee for his own a - bode:
well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters, and all fear of want re - move:
for a glo - ry and a cov - 'ring, show - ing that the Lord is near:
let the world de - ride or pit - y, I will glo - ry in thy name:
on the Rock of A - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?
who can faint, while such a riv - er ev - er flows their thirst t'as - suage?
thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,
fad - ing is the world - ling's plea - sure, all his boast - ed pomp and show
With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
grace which, like the Lord, the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.
safe they feed up - on the man - na which he gives them when they pray.
sol - id joys and last - ing trea - sure none but Zi - on's chil - dren know.

Words by John Newton; Music by Franz Joseph Haydn

***Prayer of Invocation**

Mr. Gibbs

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Westminster Shorter Catechism[‡], #4, 5, 6

Minister: [Who] is God?

All: God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness and truth.

Minister: Are there more Gods than one?

All: There is but one only, the living and true God.

Minister: How many persons are there in the Godhead?

All: There are three persons in the Godhead: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

[‡] The Westminster Shorter Catechism, along with the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Westminster Larger Catechism, serve together as the statement of faith for Redeemer Presbyterian Church and the PCA. Formulated in the 17th century England, they are a second level of authority under the Scriptures and serve to explain the system of doctrine revealed in the Bible.

***Song of Praise**

Gloria Patri



Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly
Ghost; as it was in the be - gin-ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,
world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

Music by Charles Meineke

Scripture Warning

The Rev. Brandon S. Eggar

Minister: And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may be sure that we are in him: whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked. 1 John 2:3-6

Public Confession

Minister: Let us confess our sins together.

People: Almighty Father, God of gods and Lord of lords, Father to the fatherless, Husband to the widow, Defender of the helpless, Judge of all the earth, have mercy on us. We have not sought freedom for the oppressed, even though you freed us. We have not bound up the broken even though you healed us. We have not forgiven others even though you forgave us. We withhold kindness from the needy even though you freely gave us your own Son. We are without excuse, but not without hope. By your power and grace, account our sins to Jesus' bloody death and amend our ways by the power of his glorious resurrection.

Adapted from Deuteronomy 10

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

John 11:25-26

Minister: I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.

***Song of Renewal**

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto Me and rest;
Lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon My breast."

I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn and sad;
I found in Him my resting place, and He has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give;
The living water; thirsty one, stoop down and drink, and live."

I came to Jesus, and I drank from that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in Him.

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 'til pilgrim days are done.

I looked to Jesus, and I found in Him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk 'til pilgrim days are done.

Words by Horatius Bonar; music by Kevin Twit

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Dusty Neal Crosson
Covenant Child of Jason and Lizette Crosson

Evelyn Rose Fitch
Covenant Child of John and Chrissy Fitch

John Harding "Hap" Hollimon
Covenant Child of Reeves and Halli Hollimon

Penelope Trinidad Whyte
Covenant Child of Dan and Tabitha Whyte

**Prayers for Redeemer Church,
San Antonio & the World**

Mr. Eggar

***The Greeting of Peace**

Children, ages **three through five**, are dismissed through the side door to your right when facing the stage to *TRAINING IN THE PEWS*. After the sermon, parents will meet their children in the back of the auditorium so that the children can join their families for communion.

Minister: Let the peace of Christ dwell in your hearts. To this peace we are called as members of a single body. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Sermon

Mr. Gibbs

"Truth and Consequences"

*Continuing the Series: The Exodus—Moses and the People of God
Numbers 14*

A Word About Communion at Redeemer:

This is a time for all people to seek the Lord. For Christians, Communion (also called The Lord’s Supper or The Eucharist, which means ‘thanksgiving’) is a time to meet with their Savior by faith, to be strengthened and renewed by Him as they eat bread and drink wine. All baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone as their Savior and Lord, belong to a church that embraces the gospel, are at peace with their fellow neighbor, and seek strength and grace to live more faithfully to Christ, are invited to participate. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer and to consider more deeply your relationship to Jesus Christ. We also ask that children who have not yet publicly professed their faith in Christ refrain from partaking until doing so.

The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Minister: It is indeed good, right, and our delight that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and singing:

All:

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, Ho-ly is the Lord. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly,
 Ho-ly is the Lord. Ho-ly is the Fa - ther, Ho-ly is the Son,
 Ho-ly is the Spir - it; Bless-ed Three in One. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly,
 Ho-ly is the Lord. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, Ho-ly is the Lord.

Music by Franz Schubert; Arranged by Tom Fettke

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again! Hallelujah!

Minister: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Holy Communion

If seated in the front outer sections, please exit toward the center aisles to partake, returning to your seat by the outer aisles. If seated in the front center section, upon usher's direction starting from back row, exit to the aisle closest to you. Please use the outer aisles to return to your seats. If seated in the back section, upon usher's direction, please exit your row to the left and return to your row from the right. Please use our communion time to sing and/or meditate as communion is being served. Redeemer serves wine for communion. The inner circle of the tray contains grape juice for those desiring it. After partaking, place your cup in the baskets provided on the aisles.

Prayers for Those Not Communing

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding for you that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life that you promise. Amen. **Prayer of Searching for Truth**

Lord, Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my savior. Amen. **Prayer of Believing on Jesus**

Lord, Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my needs, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely to me, and run with perseverance the race that you have set before me, looking only to you, the pioneer and champion of my faith. Amen. **Prayer of Struggling Against Sin**

Songs of Communion

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

1. My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2. May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
3. While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a - round me spread,
4. When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream

Sav - ior di - vine: now hear me while I pray,
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me,
be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day,
shall o'er me roll, blest Sav - ior, then, in love,

take all my guilt a - way, O let me
O may my love to thee pure, warm, and
wipe sor - row's tears a - way, nor let me
fear and dis - trust re - move; O bear me

from this day be whol - ly thine.
change - less be, a liv - ing fire.
ev - er stray from thee a - side.
safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul.

Words by Ray Palmer; Music by Lowell Mason

Lamb of God

Your only Son, no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side,
To walk upon this guilty sod, and to become the Lamb of God.

Chorus: O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in his precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Your gift of love, they crucified, they laughed and scorned him as he died,
The humble king they named a fraud and sacrificed the Lamb of God. (*chorus*)

I was so lost, I should have died, but you have brought me to your side,
To be led by your staff and rod, and to be called a lamb of God. (*chorus 2x*)

Words and music by Twila Paris

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of thy love;
Leading onward, leading homeward, to thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread his praise from shore to shore;
How he loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore;
How he watches o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own;
How for them he intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of ev'ry love the best:
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
And it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to thee.

Words by Samuel Trevor Francis; music by Thomas John Williams

The Offering

Hymn of Blessing

Lead On, O King Eternal

1. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, the day of march has come; hence-
2. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease, and
3. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears; for
forth in fields of con - quest thy tents shall be our home: through
ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace; for
glad - ness breaks like morn - ing where - e'er thy face ap - pears; thy
days of prep - a - ra - tion thy grace has made us strong, — and
not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums, — but
cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light: — the
now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
deeds of love and mer - cy, the heav'n - ly king - dom comes.
crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might.

Words by Ernest W. Shurtleff; Music by Henry Smart

***Benediction**

Mr. Gibbs

Minister: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May the Lord turn his face to you and give you his peace.

Postlude

**The Congregation Stands*

Pastor: Rev. Thomas C. Gibbs

Associate Pastor: Rev. Brandon S. Eggar

Assistant Pastor: Rev. Victor R. Martinez

Director of Music Ministries: Dr. Brent M. Watkins

Musicians: Brent Watkins, piano; Jonathan Card, guitar;

Wes Bright, bass; Michael Shay, trombone; Patrick Shay, trumpet;

Song Leaders: Jonathan Card, Jennifer Smith

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REDEEMER Highlights February 22, 2009

This Week

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| Today | 11:10 a.m. | Stewarding God's Generous Resources: Brandon Eggar will lead part 3 of this 4-week class on stewardship in the auditorium. Pastor's Forum will be held in Rm. 121. |
| Today | 12:15 p.m. | Youth Lunch: At Freddy's Frozen Custard in the Quarry immediately after CE. Call Matt, 508-7662. |
| Tonight | 6:00-7:15 p.m. | The Doctrine of the Church: 11-lesson leadership training class that is open to anyone, and required for those desiring church leadership. Call 930-4480. |
| Monday | 9:00-10:00 p.m. | RUF Bible Study: At Trinity University's Meditation Chapel. Call Justin, 267-7884. |
| Wednesday | 9:45-11:30 a.m. | Women's Morning Bible Study: Studying Ephesians. At Alamo Heights UMC. Room 107S. Free childcare. Call 930-4480. |
| Friday | 9:30- 11:30 a.m. | Redeemer Park Day: In Brackenridge Park; Call Brandi Rickels, 826-2628. |
| Friday | 7:00 p.m. | Youth Small Groups: Call Matt for more details, 508-7662. |

Upcoming Events

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| March 3 | 6:30-7:30 a.m. | Men's Downtown Breakfast: At Mi Tierra in Market Square, 218 Produce Row, 78207. Call Bowman Williams, 860-5404, or John Ames, 725-3630. |
| March 5 | 7:00 p.m. | Men's Fellowship: At the Flying Saucer in Huebner Oaks, 11255 Huebner, 78230. Call Henry Sauer, 834-7530 or Jeff Judson, 822-1292. |
| March 6-7 | | Intro to Redeemer Class: On Friday night, Mar. 6 th from 6:00-9:30 p.m. and Sat. morning, Mar. 7 th from 8:30-noon, Redeemer will hold its membership class. Call 930-4480 to sign up or sign up in the bulletin flyer. |
| March 20-21 | | Men's Annual Spring Outing: Join the men of Redeemer for camping on the Guadalupe River, bonfires, thick steaks, and great devotionals led by Tom Gibbs. Call Henry Sauer, 310-6542 or Jeff Judson, 822-1292 for more info. |

Making Contact

Administrative.....Harriet Peavy, Heather Shimek 930-4480
Book Table/ Media Brandon Eggar 930-4480
Children's Ministries.....Jill Higey 930-4480
Clerk of the Session.....Brandon Eggar, 930-4480
Community Life & Membership Brandon Eggar 930-4480
Financial (church).....Bob George 822- 2016
Local Missions.....James Sedgwick, 954-2698
Men's Ministries.....Jeff Judson 822-1292; Henry Sauer 310-6542
Mercy/ Financial Aid.....Jake Gray 884-4729
Mission, Cultural Engagement & OutreachVictor Martinez 930-4480
Music Ministry..... Brent Watkins 785-0912
Pastoral Care.....Tom Gibbs 930-4480
Reformed University Fellowship (RUF).....Justin Clement 930-4480
Training in the Pews.....Ralph and Debbie Shay 488-2561
Usher/ Greeter Coordination.....Jason Register 829-0747
Women's Ministries.....Margaret Judson 822-5901; Heather Card 467-5792
World Missions.....Elizabeth Bright, 995-3600
Worship/ Event Assistance.....Ken Harrison 828-8864
Young Professionals Community.....Brandon Eggar 930-4480
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Redeemer Prayer Requests.....930-4480, ext. 330

Redeemer Presbyterian Church

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Serving Today

Nursery Greeters: Jason & Lizette Crosson

Infants 1 (9:30): Craig & Liz Goedecke, Chris & Samantha Mann

Toddlers 1 & 2 (9:30): Larry & Brandi Rickels, Amy & Elise Miller

Training in the Pews: Charlie & Jennifer Hargis, Jonathan & Heather Card, Anna Louise Judson

Greeters: Glen & Ginny Glass, Don & Connie Hendrix, Aubree Shay, Lisa Shay

Worship Set-up/Take Down: Jeremy Whitley, Reeves Hollimon, Josh Brack, Paul Gravel, Marc Hadler

Communion Set-up/Take Down: Mary Williams, Elizabeth Bright

Nursery Set-up/Take Down: Larry Rickels, Jason Higey, Dan Peavy

Cookies: Brandi Rickels, Elizabeth Bright

Serving Next Week

Nursery Greeters: Sam & Elizabeth Berenguer

Infants 1 (9:30): Don & Connie Hendrix, Laura Kaupp

Toddlers 1 & 2 (9:30): Cigrang Family, Krisanne Stolhandske, Kierstn Stolhandske

Training in the Pews: Ralph & Debbie Shay, Royce & Lauren Itschner, Caleb Martinez

Greeters: Michael & Kelly Bozard, Paul & Rachel Gravel, Nell Glazener-Cooney, Marissa Galt

Worship Set-up/Take Down: Toby Stolhandske, Craig Goedecke, Kendall Proctor,

Bernard Hildebrand, Gordon Zeigler

Communion Set-up/Take Down: Barbara Harrison, Linda Struble

Nursery Set-up/Take Down: Lisa Shay, Basse Family

Cookies: Amanda Harding, Jeannie Martinez

Redeemer Staff

Tom Gibbs, Senior Pastor
Brandon Eggar, Associate Pastor
Victor Martinez, Assistant Pastor
Justin Clement, RUF Pastor at Trinity
Brent Watkins, Music Ministries Director
Jill Higey, Children's Ministries Director
Matt Beham, Youth Director
Harriet Peavy, Office Administrator
Heather Shimek, Assistant Administrator

Stewardship Corner

Actual Giving (YTD)	\$ 88,345
Budgeted Expenses (YTD)	\$121,486
Actual Expenses (YTD)	\$107,355
Actual Ahead (Behind)	(\$ 19,010)

YTD includes all activity for the fiscal year, which begins January 1.

Community Groups

Manny Alaniz--558-4714

& Victor Martinez--509-7716

Josh Alley--731-0880

& Jonathan Card--467-5792

Wes Bright--826-3100

& Jordan Inman--265-1812

Brandon Eggar--542-4012

John Fitch--824-5973

& Mark Randolph--822-6057

Bob George--822-2016

Tom Gibbs--930-4974

& James Sedgwick--954-2696

Jerry Hesko--659-3004

& Clay Miller--830-438-5218

Jason Higey--354-7444

& Bernard Hildebrand--833-7616

Charley Hollimon--829-5760

& Jason Register--829-0747

Jeff Judson--822-5901

& Larry Rickels--826-2628

Chris Olderog--491-4101

& Jason Smith--257-0677

Henry Sauer--832-9892

& Jeremy Whitley--320-5520

Ralph Shay--488-2561

Please visit www.redeemersa.org
to find a community group near you.

Sermon Notes

“Truth and Consequences”

¹ Then all the congregation raised a loud cry, and the people wept that night. ² And all the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron. The whole congregation said to them, "Would that we had died in the land of Egypt! Or would that we had died in this wilderness! ³ Why is the LORD bringing us into this land, to fall by the sword? Our wives and our little ones will become a prey. Would it not be better for us to go back to Egypt?" ⁴ And they said to one another, "Let us choose a leader and go back to Egypt." ⁵ Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the people of Israel. ⁶ And Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had spied out the land, tore their clothes ⁷ and said to all the congregation of the people of Israel, "The land, which we passed through to spy it out, is an exceedingly good land. ⁸ If the LORD delights in us, he will bring us into this land and give it to us, a land that flows with milk and honey. ⁹ Only do not rebel against the LORD. And do not fear the people of the land, for they are bread for us. Their protection is removed from them, and the LORD is with us; do not fear them." ¹⁰ Then all the congregation said to stone them with stones. But the glory of the LORD appeared at the tent of meeting to all the people of Israel. ¹¹ And the LORD said to Moses, "How long will this people despise me? And how long will they not believe in me, in spite of all the signs that I have done among them? ¹² I will strike them with the pestilence and disinherit them, and I will make of you a nation greater and mightier than they." ¹³ But Moses said to the LORD, "Then the Egyptians will hear of it, for you brought up this people in your might from among them, ¹⁴ and they will tell the inhabitants of this land. They have heard that you, O LORD, are in the midst of this people. For you, O LORD, are seen face to face, and your cloud stands over them and you go before them, in a pillar of cloud by day and in a pillar of fire by night. ¹⁵ Now if you kill this people as one man, then the nations who have heard your fame will say, ¹⁶ 'It is because the LORD was not able to bring this people into the land that he swore to give to them that he has killed them in the wilderness.' ¹⁷ And now, please let the power of the Lord be great as you have promised, saying, ¹⁸ 'The LORD is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, forgiving iniquity and transgression, but he will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, to the third and the fourth generation.' ¹⁹ Please pardon the iniquity of this people, according to the greatness of your steadfast love, just as you have forgiven this people, from Egypt until now." ²⁰ Then the LORD said, "I have pardoned, according to your word. ²¹ But truly, as I live, and as all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD, ²² none of the men who have seen my glory and my signs that I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and yet have put me to the test these ten times and have not obeyed my voice, ²³ shall see the land that I swore to give to their fathers. And none of those who despised me shall see it. ²⁴ But my servant Caleb, because he has a different spirit and has followed me fully, I will bring into the land into which he went, and his descendants shall possess it. ²⁵ Now, since the Amalekites and the Canaanites dwell in the valleys, turn tomorrow and set out for the wilderness by the way to the Red Sea." ²⁶ And the LORD spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, ²⁷ "How long shall this wicked congregation grumble against me? I have heard the grumblings of the people of Israel, which they grumble against me. ²⁸ Say to them, 'As I live, declares the LORD, what you have said in my hearing I will do to you: ²⁹ your dead bodies shall fall in this wilderness, and of all your number, listed in the census from twenty years old and upward, who have grumbled against me, ³⁰ not one shall come into the land where I swore that I would make you dwell, except Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun. ³¹ But your little ones, who you said would become a prey, I will bring in, and they shall know the land that you have rejected. ³² But as for you, your dead bodies shall fall in this wilderness. ³³ And your children shall be shepherds in the wilderness forty years and shall suffer for your faithlessness, until the last of your dead bodies lies in the wilderness. ³⁴ According to the number of the days in which you spied out the land, forty days, a year for each day, you shall bear your iniquity forty years, and you shall know my displeasure.' ³⁵ I, the LORD, have spoken. Surely this will I do to all this wicked congregation who are gathered together against me: in this wilderness they shall come to a full end, and there they shall die." ³⁶ And the men whom Moses sent to spy out the land, who returned and made all the congregation grumble against him by bringing up a bad report about the land- ³⁷ the men who brought up a bad report of the land- died by plague before the LORD. ³⁸ Of those men who went to spy out the land, only Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh remained alive. ³⁹ When Moses told these words to all the people of Israel, the people mourned greatly. ⁴⁰ And they rose early in the morning and went up to the heights of the hill country, saying, "Here we are. We will go up to the place that the LORD has promised, for we have sinned." ⁴¹ But Moses said, "Why now are you transgressing the command of the LORD, when that will not succeed? ⁴² Do not go up, for the Lord is not among you, lest you be struck down before your enemies. ⁴³ For there the Amalekites and the Canaanites are facing you, and you shall fall by the sword. Because you have turned back from following the LORD, the LORD will not be with you." ⁴⁴ But they presumed to go up to the heights of the hill country, although neither the ark of the covenant of the LORD nor Moses departed out of the camp. ⁴⁵ Then the Amalekites and the Canaanites who lived in that hill country came down and defeated them and pursued them, even to Hormah. **Numbers 14:1-45**