



“When Donkeys Speak: Experiencing Divine Intervention” Numbers 22:21-31

Main Idea: God intervenes in our lives, even through unlikely messengers.

I. Introduction: A cussword in Church?

II. Learning Lessons from Balaam’s Error

1. Pursuing Personal Desires Over Divine Direction v. 20-21

- Some rush headlong into impending doom! (Jude 11)
“There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.” - Proverbs 14:12
- We must be eager to do God’s will (James 1:19-22)—listen to it and practice it.

2. Ignoring Divine Warnings vs. 22, 31

- We must not be blind as we are warned about God’s punishment for sin (Romans 6:23) and lack of knowledge leads to destruction (Hosea 4:6).

3. Frustrated by Divine Obstacles vs. 23, 25, 27

- Sometimes roadblocks are in place to keep us from falling into sin.
 - Work keeps us from idle sins (1 Timothy 5:13-14),
 - Isolation keeps us from peer pressure (1 Corinthians 15:33)
 - Lack of extra money could prevent us from the casual use of alcohol, etc.
- Obstacles in our life may redirect us.

4. Foolishness in Following Sin vs. 28-29

- Sin makes a mockery of us.
 - Wine is a mocker (Proverbs 20:1).
 - Sin desires to rule over us (Genesis 4:7; John 8:24).
 - We often do what we know is wrong (Romans 7:11, 14-20).
 - We fail to take the way of escape (1 Corinthians 10:13).

III. Conclusion

- May we recognize and respond to God’s interventions, even when they come through unlikely messengers. Let’s commit to seeking His will above our own and being attentive to His guidance.