

LISTENING GUIDE Rev. Deane Harrison July 24, 2022

Look to Christ and Live!

Numbers 21:4-9

Our passage this morning finds God's people being punished for their sin amid their desert wanderings. This Old Testament event not only gives us insight into Israel's relationship with God but, more importantly, it points us to Jesus Christ. Let's unpack this story and cling to its message—Look to Christ and Live!

Notice...

I. The People ______ (v.5)

- The *complaint* of the Israelites was two-fold:
 - 1. They didn't like the way they were _____
 - 2. They didn't like what they were _____

II. The Punishment ______ (v.6)

• <u>A timeless reality</u>: While sin in attractive, alluring, and provocative, in the end, it will kill, steal, and destroy our lives! (see *Galatians 6:7-8*)

III. The People ______ (v.7)

- See 1 John 1:9
- Confession is the way sinful people let a holy God know we are sinners in need of forgiveness

IV. The Pardon was ______ (vv.8-9)

- See John 3:14-15
- Three similarities in the requirement for the snake-bitten Israelites to be saved and what's required for us today:
 - 1. The expected response was _____
 - 2. The way to healing was _____
 - 3. There was one _____ hope of healing