When A Donkey Talked (Numbers 22:28)

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INTRODUCTION

- That being religious, one who believes in the existence of God is not alone sufficient to avoid an unfavorable eternal destination.
- While what you do among this group is going to matter, you will stand before God individually.
- And not only is Balaam mentioned in the New Testament, he's mentioned three times.

1 You Cannot Successfully Curse God's Plan

Numbers 22:2–20; Numbers 24:10–13; Acts 5

- But God says to Balaam, You shall not go. Do not go with them, and you shall not curse the people, for they are blessed.
- Though Balak were to give me his house full of silver and gold, I could not do anything, either small or great, contrary to the command of the Lord my God.
- I think the fact that's mentioned twice is emphasizing that Balaam is still hoping there's some monetary remuneration for his efforts.
- Behold, I've received a command to bless. When he has blessed, then I cannot revoke it. We're learning something here, and that is that God's will is going to be accomplished.
- If this is of God, you can't stop it. And Balaam is saying precisely the same thing.
- He tells you that the Lord's ways are too strict and too demanding. That serving God doesn't pay off. And that you ought to just serve yourself.

2 God Can Control the Mouth of a Donkey

Numbers 22:22–32

- But while the actions were correct, Balaam's intentions were evil.
- And the Lord opened the mouth of the donkey.
- What have I done to you that you have struck me these three times?
- Behold, I have come out as an adversary because your way was contrary to me.
- Maybe the point is that God can control the mouth of a donkey, and he can control your mouth.

3 Satan's Adaptive Assault

Revelation 2:14; Numbers 31:16; Galatians 1:8–9

- Because you have some who hold the teaching of Balaam, who kept teaching Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit acts of immorality.

- Behold, these caused the sons of Israel through the counsel of Balaam to trespass against the Lord in the matter of Peor.
- The devil is intent on destroying us any way that he possibly can.
- I'll just get them caught up in idolatry and immorality. That'll work just as well to destroy them spiritually.
- If that tact doesn't work with Decker Prairie, he's not done. He's got a lot of other options at his disposal.
- Maybe he's just simply going to extinguish your fire and enthusiasm for the Lord. And encourage spiritual neglect.

THE CHALLENGE

Let us learn from the story of Balaam. And not squander either our opportunity or potential in the kingdom.

MY NOTES