OUR GREAT HELPER

PART 9: BAPTISM BENEFITS

A LESSON FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

- Two tribes did not want to enter the Promised Land (Numbers 32:2,4-7 NKJ)
 - 1. They chose land on the east side of the Jordan
 - 2. They were satisfied to not go into the land God had promised
- Moses wasn't having it
 - 1. Why will you discourage the hearts of Israel
- A compromise was reached (Numbers 32:16-18 NKJ)
 - 1. The two tribes would help Israel possess what belonged to them from the Lord
- The main lesson is do not discourage your brothers and sisters in Christ
 - 1. If you are content with where you are in the Lord fine
 - 2. But don't discourage others from receiving what God has provided for them

THE WONDERFUL GIFT OF THE PRAYER LANGUAGE

- Speaking to God (1 Corinthians 14:2 NKJ)
 - 1. Speaking to God is prayer
- Pray in a tongue where we get "prayer language" (1 Corinthians 14:14-15 NKJ)
 - 1. My spirit prays
 - 2. My understanding (mind) is not in the know
 - 3. The Holy Spirit enables us to pray beyond our understanding (Romans 8:26 NKJ)
- Praying in the spirit is supernatural evidence of the Holy Spirit's indwelling (Acts 10:44-47 NKJ)
 - 1. This is how the Jewish believers knew the Gentiles received the same gift
- Builds us up spiritually (1 Corinthians 14:4 NKJ)
 - 1. Similar to charging a battery
 - 2. Puts our spirit in direct contact with God
 - 3. Enabling us to live an overcoming life and be a help to others (Jude 20 NKJ)
 - 4. Part of the spiritual armor (Ephesians 6:18 NKJ)
- Helps us be more conscious of the Holy Spirit living in us
 - 1. As we pray and worship God in the spirit we become more aware of Him
 - 2. Being more conscious of the Holy Spirit impacts our lives in a good way
- Helps us pray in line with God's perfect will (Romans 8:26 NKJ)
 - We are limited in our understanding, He is not
 - 3. Articulate speech is a literal Greek for groanings
 - 4. Also keeps selfishness out of our prayers
- A great way of giving thanks and worshipping God (1 Corinthians 14:16-19 NKJ)
 - 1. We give thanks well