

THE OLD TESTAMENT IN THE LIFE OF THE BELIEVER

November, 1971

Dr. Allan A MacRae

Lecture # 9

We have been looking at the census which was taken at the beginning of the Book of Numbers and noticed its relation to our own Christian life. Not at the beginning of our Christian life, but after we have proceeded a distance in it. We must make an appraisal and we must make them from time to time. We noticed that this appraisal should be related to God's purposes for us. We noticed there His first purpose for our lives is our growth in grace. His second purpose that we should win souls to Christ. He third purpose that we should help others grow in grace. The fourth purpose that we should stand for God's truth. And then we notice as Number 6, that the prospective Christian worker should examine himself particularly for certain qualities. And under this we noticed small a. True Knowledge of God. Small b. Extensive knowledge of the Bible. Small c. physical qualities. Small d. To appraise our intellectual ability correctly and see how it relates to deciding God's particular purpose for us. E. Appraise our personality and develop what is necessary to be useful in this ~~regard~~ regard. f. Promotional ability - its importance. The great importance ~~of~~ ^{that} those who have this particular ability use it for the Lord, and that all of us develop some of it. g. Ability as a speaker. ~~we~~ h. Secondary matters that can bring failure if neglected. And O ~~how~~ how sad it is when we over-look little things like sufficient cleanliness or sufficient care of our clothes. I must ~~say~~ say this group looks like a rather shoddy outfit compared ~~with~~ to what it - looked like yesterday. It looked very, very nice yesterday. But of course it is not so important what you look like to me as I stand here, but it is very important to remember as you enter into various phases of Christian work to think of what impression you will make upon those with whom you deal.

And then last of all we mentioned perseverance. How much perseverence do you have This can make up for a tremendous lot. And all of them put together if you don't have much perseverance will accomplish very very little in ~~the~~ God's kingdom or in any other regard.