to do and to keep our eyes on that ahead, which is the Lord's goal for us. And
so the same idea is stressed again in point C

C. Thus it is the Principle -- Thus the Book of Num. is the principle record
of Israel's wilderness journey and the Christian is now in a wilderness journey.
Of course we have much truth in all the other books of the OT that is vital for us
but there are special reasons why Num. can be of real importance to us, because the
situation corresponds so closely to the situation in which we are. You remember that
in 1 Pet. 2:11
Peter said/ Dearly beloved I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims to abstain from
fleshly lusts which war against the soul." And how sad it is to see Christian
workers worker workers, Christian leaders who become so emeshed in the things of
this world that they fail to keep their eyes on the Lord.

I have been particularly shocked in the last few years, even this last year,
to hear of a number of men who gave every evidence of having been greatly used of the
Lord who fell into the sort of lust and sin that Christians have always
abhored, and as a result had to leave the ministry altogether. I've heard of a
number of cases of individuals of whom one would never dream that such a
thing would occur, but Satan can easily lead any of us astray in these
regards, if we don't keep our eyes on the Lord and realize that we are strangers
and pilgraims here and not allow the lusts of the flesh or the pride of life to
get a primary place inus.

But I don't think in this connection we are thinking particularly of the evil
and of the sins that we could get emeshed with though that is something that the
Christian must always have in mind as a danger and guard against, but we are
thinking here of getting too much tied up with human things which may be good in
themselves. It is easy to get so attached to possessions, to get so attached to
having our the necessity of having our things as good as the neighbor's are, or