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Section 0 Arrangements for Guidance

And I mentioned that I was going to include in that section the whole passage from Num. ;9:15 to 10:10. That might seem to some a strange arrangement because you have at first sight from 9:15 to the end of that chapter is one subject, and from 10:1 to 10:10 sounds quite different. Actually I think they are very closely related and that's why I'm putting them together under this title, "Arrangements for Guidance." And then as I mentioned to you last ~~Tues~~ Tuesday, it was hard for me to decide whether to go ahead and look at these passages and then discuss a matter that I think is tremendously important in correct understanding of them, or whether it were better to mention this matter first. There are advantages both ways, but I decided it would be better to look at it first, since it ~~is~~ really is very vital for the correct understanding of the passage. And so we took:

I.

1. The Importance of Balance.

And under it I made:

A. There are a few ~~abs~~ absolutes but in both aspects of life with God (not clear) for(?)

~~xxxxxx~~ the relation of different or even apparently opposite matters ~~xxx~~ must be considered. And so we discussed briefly a few matters that are absolutes, and we noted how so many matters are thus ~~not~~ absolutes. are not absolutes.

If you're going to go to one extreme or the other here, it's better to have everything ~~xxx~~ absolute certainly, than to be washed in a sea of relativism. But when you take the position that everything is absolute I think you get into nonsense and you cause people to react in the opposite direction. And so I feel that it is very important that we recognize all sides, that we have balance on this matter, balance on the difference between the matters that are absolute--the few matters that are absolute, and the many matters in which there is a certain amount of relativism and in which balance is extremely important.

b. In matters that are not absolute it is ~~a~~ vital to seek proper balance.