

COME WITH US

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- Now Moses said to Hobab the son of Reuel [*Jethro*] the Midianite, Moses' father-in-law, "We are setting out for the place of which the LORD said, 'I will give it to you.' Come with us, and we will treat you well; for the LORD has promised good things to Israel."
- And he [*Hobab*] said to him, "I will not go, but I will depart to my own land and to my relatives."
- So Moses said, "Please do not leave, inasmuch as you know how we are to camp in the wilderness, and you can be our eyes."
- "And it shall be, if you go with us – indeed it shall be – that whatever good the LORD will do to us, the same we will do to you."

THE KENITES

- Hobab (possibly Moses' brother-in-law, some say this is Jethro, Moses' father-in-law)
- The Kenites were a tribe of the Midianite people.
 - Descendants of Abraham through Keturah (Genesis 25:4)
- Jethro was a priest of Midian when Moses met.
 - (Exodus 3:1), (Exodus 18 – He recognized God)
- Midian was an enemy of Israel, but Kenites were separate.
 - Numbers 25:6 | The harlotry with Baal (Balaam).
 - Numbers 25:15 | Notes offender not of Hobab's family.
 - Numbers 31 | Israel slaughters armies of Midianite men.
 - Judges 6 | Gideon leads Israel against armies of Midian
- Judges 1:16; Kenites live among Judah in peace.
 - Judges 4:11, 17 | Jael, wife of Heber the Kenite killed Sisera, commander of Jabin of Canaan's army (Barak and Deborah leading Israel's army)

THE GREAT INVITATION OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

- Matthew 11:28
 - *Come to Me all who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.*
- John 1:46
 - Nathanael asks Philip if anything good can come out of Nazareth
 - *Come and see.*
- Numbers 10:29
 - *Come with us, and we will treat you well; for the LORD has promised good things to Israel.*

HOBAB'S OBJECTION

- Numbers 10:30
 - *And he [*Hobab*] said to him, "I will not go, but I will depart to my own land and to my relatives."*
- Ruth 1:15-16
 - *"Look your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law."*
 - Without any other promises for the future, Ruth tied herself to Naomi.
- Isn't that often the objection we hear to the invitation?
 - "I would leave behind my family and traditions and my land, I can't do that!"
 - Matthew 19:16-30 (The Rich Ruler)
 - Peter; *"See, we have left all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?"*

MOSES' REBUTTALS

- Numbers 10:31
 - The pillar of heavenly cloud, God led them on their way through the wilderness, but here Moses appeals to Hobab that there is work and value that he would bring to their travels in *how* to camp and where they were.
- Theirs was a hard journey also but to a land of rest.
 - Deuteronomy 8:7-10
 - Hebrews 4:8-11

WE WILL DO GOOD TO YOU

- Numbers 10:32
 - *"And it shall be, if you go with us – indeed it shall be – that whatever good the LORD will do to us, the same we will do to you."*
- Matthew 16:24-25
 - *Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it."*
- James 2:15-17
 - We are surrounded by those in poverty regarding truth.
 - Proverbs 11:30, *The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he who wins souls is wise.*

WHATEVER GOOD ... THE SAME WE WILL DO TO YOU

- We are following Jesus to an eternal home in heaven. There is room for all!
 - John 14:2-6
 - Isaiah 55:1 | *"Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price."*
 - (Matthew 5:6 Those who hunger and thirst for righteousness)
 - Ezekiel 33:11 | *"As I live", says the Lord God, "I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways! For why should you die, O house of Israel?"*
 - Galatians 3:26-29
 - Just as Canaan was a prepared land for the descendants of Abraham, so heaven is prepared for the spiritual heirs of Abraham.

CHRISTIANS DO NOT DESIRE TO GO TO HEAVEN ALONE

- Acts 15:3
 - *So, being sent on their way by the church, they passed through Phoenicia and Samaria, describing the conversion of the Gentiles; and they caused great joy to all the brethren.*
- God has spoken good concerning the eternal home of his disciples, and we want all to join us.
- 2 Peter 3:9-13
- Revelation 22:17
 - *And the Spirit and the bride say, "**Come!**" And let him who hears say, "**Come!**" And let him who thirsts **come**. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.*