

## **“The Power of a Worshiping People”**

**Numbers 23:13-26**

**Central Thought:** Worship is a God-connected life. When worship becomes a natural discipline that responds to God rather than circumstances, the results can be miraculous.

**“Worship is the intentional connection of all life to the presence, perfection, purposes and power of God.”**

P \_\_\_\_\_ – “God is real / He is here.”

P \_\_\_\_\_ – “God is incomparable.”

P \_\_\_\_\_ – “God is working.”

P \_\_\_\_\_ – “God can.”

When we look for God in all of living, a \_\_\_\_\_ things begin to emerge in our lives.

### **1) The story**

- The people of Israel are moving toward the land that God promised to give them.
- Balak, the King of Moab, is fearful of Israel and calls for a famous soothsayer from Mesopotamia, named Balaam to put a c \_\_\_\_\_ on them.
- God tells Balaam that he is to go with Balak, but not to do as Balak says, but as God says.
- *T \_\_\_\_\_ times*, Balak performs the necessary pagan sacrifices; three times, Balaam steps up to curse them and b \_\_\_\_\_ comes out instead.

Two points:

- The reason that the curse of darkness was repelled was because Israel was in a Godward position—the “s \_\_\_\_\_ of the King” was among them.
- They did not even k \_\_\_\_\_ that this was happening at the time—the story had to be told to them later.

### **2) The meaning—some results of God-connected living**

- When worship becomes a lifestyle, commitment and discipline, there are unpredictable b \_\_\_\_\_.
- Worship is an often overlooked solution to defeating the e \_\_\_\_\_ in our lives.
- Worship can appropriate for us:
  - v.19—God’s character and f \_\_\_\_\_
  - v.20—God’s unsolicited blessing
  - v.21—God’s a \_\_\_\_\_ presence / protection
  - v.22—Spiritual s \_\_\_\_\_
  - v.23—Spiritual c \_\_\_\_\_
  - v.24—Spiritual a \_\_\_\_\_
- Worship accomplishes God’s purposes in ways we do not c \_\_\_\_\_ or think to ask for.

### **3) Application – is the Shout of the King among us?**

- Corporately – do I come to ECB with a prepared heart to minister to God and to His people?
- Home group – am I expecting the presence of the Risen Christ through my brothers and sisters?
- Personally – am I connecting the circumstances of my life to the person, perfections, presence and purposes of God?
- Am I struggling unnecessarily with evil in my life? Am I settling for darkness and cursing when I could have freedom and light?
- Have I grown accustomed to living under cursing?
- When is it most difficult for me to believe that God is real and present? Where are the God-disconnects in my life?

**Word bank:** abiding, amazing, authority, benefits, blessing, control, covering, curse, enemy, favor, know, perfection, power, presence, purposes, shout, strength, three