



## GLENN'S WEEKLY RECAP

On Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October we re-visited Barak and Balaam. During the introduction I stressed that this is not the Barak mentioned in Hebrews 11 as one of the Heroes of Faith.

The three conclusions from our readings were:

1. If under the old covenant of blessings and curses (Deuteronomy 28:15), God's people could not be cursed by any satanic power. **Joshua 24:2** *Balak sent for Balaam to put a curse on you. But God would not listen to Balaam, so Balaam blessed you again and again, and God delivered you out of his hand.* How much more, under the new covenant of grace are we secure in God's mighty power. Isaiah 14:27 *"For the Lord Almighty has purposed, and who can thwart him? His hand is stretched out, and who can turn it back"* Galatians 3:13 *Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole".*
2. We should not fear darkness but have authority over it in Christ.  
Matthew 10:1, Mark 6:7, Luke 9:1 and Matt 28: 18 *Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."* See also Ephesians 1:17-23 and 1 John 3:8 *"The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work".*
3. Balaam couldn't curse God's people but driven by love of money he planned with Balak a means of destruction from within; by enticing the people of God to sin. 2 Peter 2:15 *They have left the straightway and wandered off to follow the way of Balaam son of Bezer, who loved the wages of wickedness.* The Balaam ministry is as active in the world today as it was over two thousand years ago.  
Read all of 2 Peter 2 and compare it how many are wanting to introduce sin into the church, or twist the gospel, or use God's anointing to justify un-Christ-like lifestyles.

Keep walking the walk of Christ in love Glenn