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Numbers 21:4-9

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GETTING A PUPPY



WHAT I EXPECTED



WHAT I GOT



EXPECTATION



REALITY





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The Gospel
According to
MOSES
a study of exodus

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The people did not have what they had expected and failed to trust God to provide it. Since the Garden of Eden that has been a formula for disobedience.



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Moses Cries Out to God

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The promise here was not that Yahweh would never allow those who place their faith in him to get sick. It was that the Israelites would be free from having to worry about the plagues. God averred that he would not become angry at them in such a way as to subject them to the miseries he had subjected the Egyptians to – if they were indeed loyal and obedient. His promise to serve as their doctor/healer also was not a promise that if anyone among them ever got sick he would immediately heal that person. It was instead an assertion that it was to him they must turn for healing if they found themselves afflicted as a result of sin.



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Opportunity to be saved:
Then and Now

John 3:1-16

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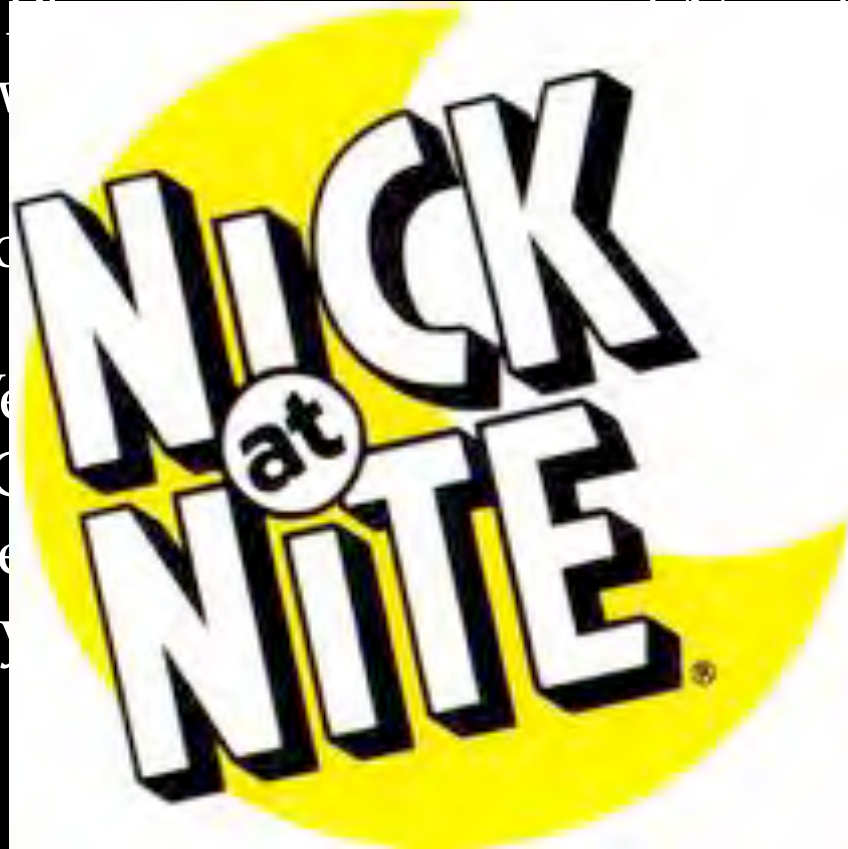
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¹⁰ “You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things? ¹¹ Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. ¹² I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven – the Son of Man. ¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

The *Already*, Not Yet

The Already, Not Yet



The Already, Not Yet

“Through many dangers, toils and snares
We have already come.
T’was grace that brought us safe thus far
And grace will lead us home.

Gospel Application:

Are we grumbling against God?

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When we sin, do we turn to Him for repentance?

Do you believe?