

PRAYER MEETING

3 October 2016

Text: **Numbers 25**

THE NEW PROBLEM

1. The problem of harlotry
2. The women of Midian (Numbers 25:1)
3. The problem of idolatry (Numbers 25:1)

EXTENT OF THE PROBLEM

1. Israel was joined to Baal of Peor (Numbers 25:3)
2. The people bowed down to the gods of Moab (Numbers 25:2)

DIVINE DEALING OF THE PROBLEM

1. The Lord's word
 - a) To the leaders
 - b) To hang all the offenders (Numbers 25:4)
 - c) In public (Numbers 25:4)
2. Moses' word to all the judges
 - a) To kill all who were joined to Baal
 - b) This problem had spread far and wide
3. Plague from the Lord
 - a) Fierce anger (Numbers 25:3-5)
 - b) 24,000 people died (Numbers 25:9)

BLATANT DEFIANCE

1. A Midianite woman was brought into the presence (Numbers 25:6)
 - a) Moses
 - b) All the leaders

2. This was a blatant act

a) Challenging authority

b) Defying God

SWIFT RESPONSE

1. Phinehas, the son of Eleazar (Numbers 25:7)

2. He slew the man and the Midianite woman (Numbers 25:7-8)

COMMENDATION FROM GOD (Numbers 25:10-13)

1. He turned back My wrath

2. He was zealous

3. Covenant of peace

4. A covenant of everlasting priesthood

5. He made atonement

COMMANDMENT FROM THE LORD

1. Midianites

To be harassed and attacked (Numbers 25:16-17)

2. This was a plan/ ploy of the Midianites (Numbers 25:16-18)