

There's Grace in the Gap

Revelation 2:12–14

At its heart, the Bible frames the world as a battle between light and dark.

II Corinthians 10:3

I. Who was Balaam?

- Balaam was a prophet described as wicked but not false
 - Balaam operated between both realms of evil and light
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II. The Story of Balaam

Numbers 22:9–13, 21–31

- Balak the King of Moab hired Balaam to curse the Israelites
- Balaam cannot curse the children of Israel

“Balaam could not curse what God had blessed.”

- Balaam gives King Balak an alternative to cursing Israel:
 - Since you can't curse Israel, you can contaminate them with your god, Baal of Peor which means, “lord of the gap.”
 - The Israelites served Baal of Peor and indulged into sinful acts
 - Between the spiritual realm of light and darkness is a gap. Satan who is the ruler of this world looks for us to serve our flesh
 - Serving our flesh and the god of this world is just as deadly as a curse
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III. What is our Flesh?

Romans 8:5–10

The only thing standing between us and the Lord is our flesh.

- Our flesh is the urge for self-centeredness
- Our flesh has an algorithm
- Algorithm looks for interest, timeliness, and relationships
- Our flesh has an algorithm and continuum

Thought – Choice – Habit – Loss of Control – Bondage

IV. How do we defeat the flesh?

Romans 5:20

Where sin abounds, Grace does much more abound.

- There is Grace in the Gap!

Flip the script:

Bondage – Loss of Control – Habit – Choice – Thought