

Lessons From Balaam



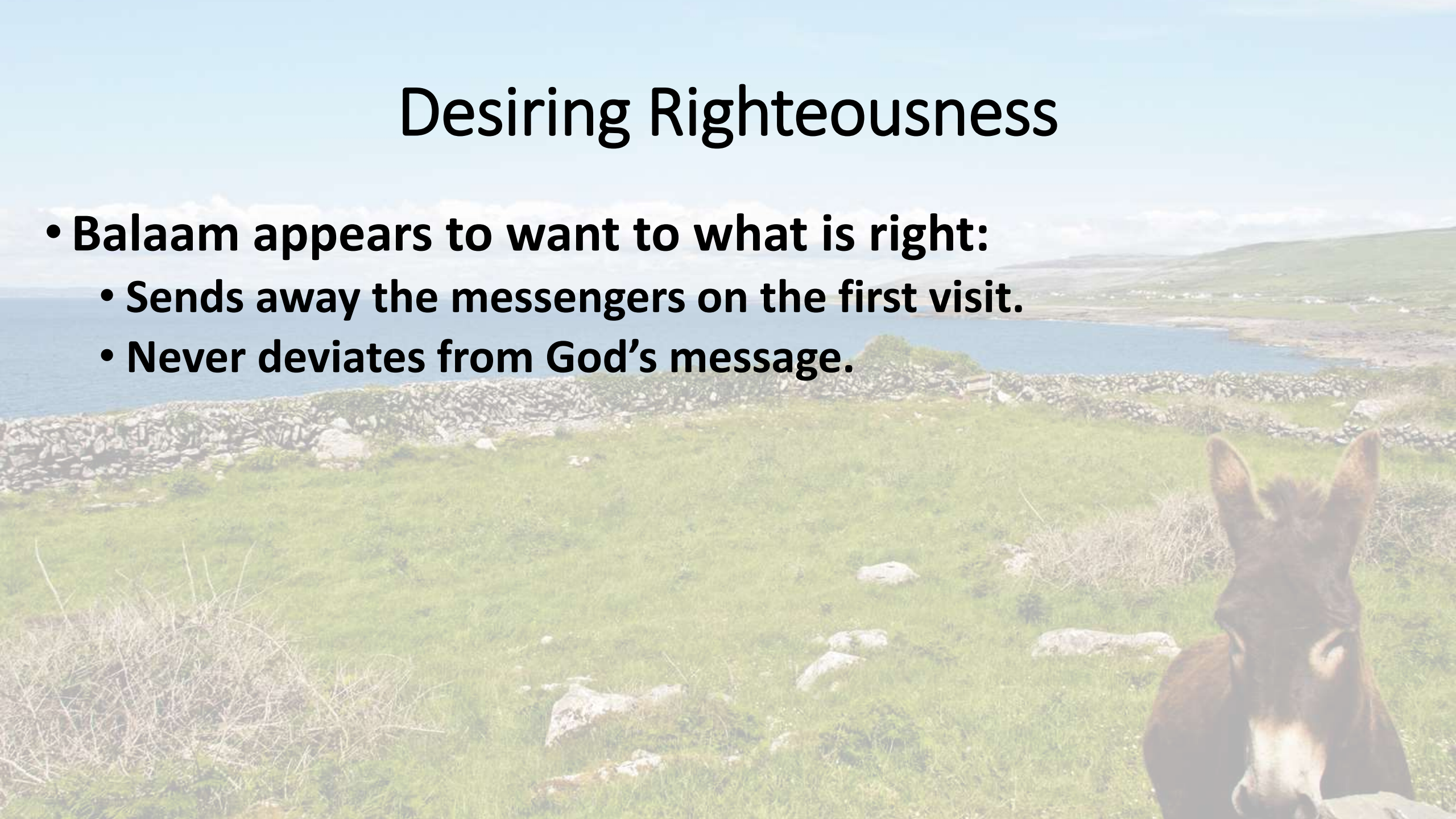
Summary of the Narrative

- **Numbers 22: Balaam is hired to curse Israel**
- **Numbers 23, 24: Balaam offers 4 prophecies**
- **Numbers 25: Israel pursues sexual immorality and idols**
- **Numbers 31: Balaam is killed and exposed**
- **Balaam in the New Testament:**
 1. **2 Peter 2:15, 16**
 2. **Jude 11**
 3. **Revelation 2:14**



Desiring Righteousness

- **Balaam appears to want to what is right:**
 - **Sends away the messengers on the first visit.**
 - **Never deviates from God's message.**



Wanting Something More

- **Though God had been clear in His first response (22:12), Balaam wants to “reconsider.”**
 - **Should have sent them away immediately.**
- **Consider the NT’s teachings:**
 - **2 Peter 2:15, 16**
 - **Jude 11**
 - **Revelation 2:14**
- **Had two competing masters.**
 - **Matthew 6:24**



“The Lord Has Kept You Back”

- **Numbers 24:10, 11**
- **This is Satan’s first lie (Gen. 3:5).**
- **God’s boundaries serve a purpose:**
 - **1. To spare us from destruction**
 - 2 Thess. 1:7-10
 - **2. To keep us safe**
- **God’s love will require boundaries.**
 - **Hebrews 12:7, 8**

