

# The Most Common Prayer Ever Prayed

(Numbers 23:10)

- Introduction:
1. I believe that this could be the most common prayer prayed by man.
  2. The wording may be a bit different from person to person, but the expressed desire is the same.
  3. What is this prayer?
  4. It's contained in Numbers 23:10.
  5. Let's examine this prayer together.

## I. The Prayer, Itself, Was A Very Good Prayer

- A. It was realistic.
  1. It acknowledged the reality of death
  2. (Psalm 90:10).
- B. It was informed.
  1. Many people know that death is coming but fail to see the difference between the death of a righteous man and the death of a sinner.
  2. (Hebrews 9:27; Matthew 10:28).
  3. Any informed person would want to die the death of the righteous.
- C. It expressed the most important concern a person can have.
  1. We often ask for many things, but none more important than this.
  2. (John 8:21).
  3. (Mark 8:36-37).

## II. Why This Common Prayer Is Often Futile

- A. (Numbers 22-24; 31:16).
- B. Because most people have the desire to be saved, but not the determination (Matthew 19:16-26).
- C. Because most people want what God can give them but want what the world has to offer more (Matthew 6:24).
- D. Because most people want to be numbered with the righteous in death but choose to be numbered with the sinners in life (2 Corinthians 6:14-18).
- E. Because people will pray for themselves while causing others to be lost (Numbers 31:16; Romans 14:7; Luke 17:1-2).

- Conclusion:
1. Do you see why I say Balaam's prayer may be the most common prayer ever prayed?
  2. We can't live wrong and die right.
  3. We can't ignore Jesus now and find him later.
  4. If we want to die as a Christian, we must live as a Christian.