

“Discouraging the sons of Israel”

Num 32:6-15

Reuben and Gad ...

NOT intend to discourage

NOT tell others not to go

NOT say not good that others were going

“Lord’s anger” (v13) “sinful men” (v14) – !

DISCOURAGE their brethren (vv7,9)!

Application Today ...

- Assembly
- Gospel Meetings
- Special meetings (teachers, etc.)
- Bible Classes
- Work days

“discourage brethren...”?

“Lord’s anger...”? “sinful...”?

Encouraging brethren ...

Ac 11:22-26

Php 1:14; Phm 5-7

Faunce letter...

“Let the lower lights be burning...”

Philip P. Bliss, 1871

**Brightly beams our Father's mercy,
From His lighthouse evermore,
But to us He gives the keeping
Of the lights along the shore.**

**Dark the night of sin has settled,
Loud the angry billows roar;
Eager eyes are watching, longing,
For the lights along the shore.**

**Trim your feeble lamp, my brother;
Some poor sailor, tempest-tossed,
Trying now to make the harbor,
In the darkness may be lost.**

Refrain:

**Let the lower lights be
burning!
Send a gleam across
the wave!
Some poor fainting,
struggling seaman
You may rescue, you
may save.**

Encouraging brethren ...

Heb 3:12-13

Heb 10:23-25 (vv26-31!)

Eph 6:4; Pro 22:6 (parent/child)

Num 32:23 *“be sure your sin will find you out”* (vv17-18,20-22)

Num 32:13 No excuse for getting discouraged and giving up!