

1 Cor. 10:1-12

Num. 11:1-3 - Fire from heaven

Num. 14:36-37 - Plague

Num. 16:25-33 - Ground opened up and swallowed

Num. 16:41-49 - 14,700 killed by plague

God doesn't like it when His people become complainers!



"Do all things without complaining and disputing . . ."

(Phil. 2:14-15)

"Do not grumble against one another, brethren, lest you be condemned. Behold, the Judge is standing at the door!" (James 5:9)



Three things complaining destroys:

#1 - The complainer's joy.

Psa. 105:42-43 - Out of slavery with joy and gladness!

Num. 11, 12, 13, 14, 16 - Complaining starts.

Num. 14:2-3 - Where did the joy and gladness go?



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The importance of joy and gladness in the Psalms

5:11-12

9:2

16:11

32:10-11

64:10

100:2

118:24

122:1



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#1 - The complainer's joy.

#2 - The morale of those who hear complaining.

Num. 13:1-2 c/w Deut. 1:20-23 - Excitement!

Num. 13:27-29, 32-33 - The ten spies' complaints.

Num. 14:1-4; Deut. 1:26-28 - Destroyed morale of all.



Three things complaining destroys:

- #1 The complainer's joy.
- #2 The morale of those who hear complaining.
- #3 The progress of God's people.

Deut. 1:34-35 - Forward progress halted.

Deut. 2:1 - Forward progress became backward regress.



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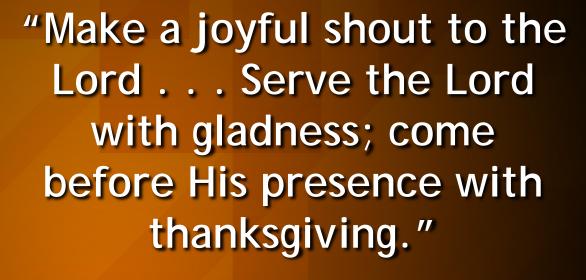
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Phil. 2:14-16 - Complaining destroys our progress toward heaven.



Three things to help eliminate complaining:

- #1 Focus on the Promised Land, not on the wilderness.
- #2 Understand that in the wilderness rough things happen.
- #3 Count your wilderness blessings.





There is no other way to come into His presence.