



GODLESS GRUMBLING PART 1

Lesson 4

“Do all things without grumbling or disputing; so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world” Philippians 2:14-15

☠ WHAT IS MURMURING?

Complaining with a _____ that holds onto a negative attitude toward the situation or people involved.

Murmuring is toxic talk that expresses an attitude of disbelief, discontent, dissatisfaction, and disobedience!

☠ WHERE IS MURMURING FOUND IN THE BIBLE?

“Murmuring” is the background music of the Wilderness wanderings! It is the soundtrack for the carnal life! It is the playlist on the iPod of those who reject God’s promises!



MURMURING RIGHT AFTER LEAVING EGYPT

Exodus 15:1-21 Song of Moses: Praising the Power of God’s Mercy and Wrath

Exodus 15:22-27 “Then Moses led Israel from the Red Sea, and they went out into the wilderness of Shur...”

*“Then the people complained **and** turned against Moses. ‘What are we going to drink?’ they **demande**d.” (NLT)*

What is the heart of the problem according to **Exodus 15:25-27**?

MURMURING RIGHT BEFORE THE ENTERING THE PROMISE LAND

Numbers 13 Report of the 12 Spies about crossing the Jordan to claim God’s promises about defeating God’s enemies and enjoying God’s rest and provision in the Promise Land!

Numbers 14:1-4

What is the heart of the problem according to **Numbers 14:11**?

Murmuring is the fruit of letting our carnal thoughts and desires shape our expectations with the result we are not content with what God has promised and provided for us!

Murmuring is the result of expecting that our every need will be met in the wilderness and we will be brought to the promise land without any effort or sacrifice on our part!

Murmuring is the expression of a mob mentality in rebelling against God and godly leaders who are leading according to His will!

MURMURING IS _____!



WHAT DO WE MURMUR ABOUT THE MOST?

1. **WHY** our _____ are not being met. *Exodus 15:24; 16:3; 17:1-3*

LIKE THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL, WE MURMUR ABOUT UNMET NEEDS IN THE TOUGH TIMES!

- **What** our greatest need really is.
- **How** our needs should be met.
- **When** our needs should be met.

MURMURING IS ROOTED IN A _____ HEART.

2. **HOW** _____ it is to persevere in following God to His promised future. *Numbers 14:1-3*

FOLLOWING GOD TO HIS PROMISED FUTURE...

- Requires _____!
- Requires _____!
- Requires _____!

MURMURING IS ROOTED IN A _____ HEART.

3. **WHO** is _____ in charge of our lives. *Numbers 16:3, 12-14*

- Murmuring against God's _____. *Exodus 15:24; 16:2; 17:3; Numbers 14:2, 4; 16:11, 41; 17:5, 10*

- Exodus 15:24** So the people **grumbled at Moses**, saying, "What shall we drink?"
- Exodus 16:2** The whole congregation of the sons of Israel **grumbled against Moses and Aaron** in the wilderness.
- Exodus 17:3** But the people thirsted there for water; and **they grumbled against Moses** and said, "Why, now, have you brought us up from Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?"
- Numbers 14:2** All the sons of Israel **grumbled against Moses and Aaron**; and the whole congregation said to them, "Would that we had died in the land of Egypt! Or would that we had died in this wilderness!"
- Numbers 14:4** So they said to one another, "**Let us appoint a leader and return to Egypt.**"
- Numbers 16:11** "Therefore you and all your company **are gathered together against the LORD**; but **as for Aaron, who is he that you grumble against him?**"
- Numbers 16:41** But on the next day all the congregation of the sons of Israel **grumbled against Moses and Aaron**, saying, "You are the ones who have caused the death of the LORD'S people."
- Numbers 17:5** "It will come about that the rod of the man whom I choose will sprout. **Thus I will lessen from upon Myself the grumbings of the sons of Israel, who are grumbling against you.**"
- Numbers 17:10** But the LORD said to Moses, "Put back the rod of Aaron before the testimony to be kept as **a sign against the rebels**, that you may **put an end to their grumbings against Me**, so that they will not die."

When it comes to human leadership...

MURMURING IS OFTEN ROOTED IN A _____ AND _____ HEART.

- Murmuring against _____. *Exodus 16:7-8; 17:2, 7*

When it comes to divine leadership...

MURMURING IS ALWAYS ROOTED IN A _____ HEART.