



# GODLESS GRUMBLING PART 2

Lesson 4

## WHAT IS MURMURING?

Complaining with a **CRITICAL SPIRIT** that holds onto a negative attitude toward the situation or people involved.

## A BIBLICAL THEOLOGY OF MURMURING

*Murmuring in the Wilderness Is a Significant Theme Progressively Revealed in the Bible*

OLD TESTAMENT	THE GOSPELS	NEW TESTAMENT
<p><b>ISRAEL IN THE WILDERNESS</b></p> <p><b>After the Exodus</b> Fails the Test of Trusting &amp; Obeying by Murmuring against God &amp; His Leaders <i>Exodus 15-17</i></p> <p><b>Before the Conquest</b> Fails the Test of Trusting &amp; Obeying by Murmuring against God &amp; His Leaders <i>Numbers 14-17</i></p>	<p><b>JESUS IN THE WILDERNESS</b></p> <p><b>After His Baptism and Before His Ministry</b> Passes the Test by Trusting &amp; Obeying without Murmuring <i>Matthew, Mark, Luke</i></p> <p><b>ISRAEL WITH JESUS IN THE WILDERNESS</b></p> <p><b>Before His Gospel Conquest</b> Fails the Test of Trusting &amp; Obeying by Murmuring against God &amp; His Leaders <i>John 6:41, 43, 61</i></p> <p><b>Further References to Murmuring</b> <i>Matthew 20:11; Luke 5:30; 15:2; 19:7; John 7:12, 32</i></p>	<p><b>CHURCH IN THE WORLD</b></p> <p><b>Early Church Deals with Murmuring Over Food</b> <i>Acts 6:1</i></p> <p><b>Paul Applies the Principles to the Church</b> Pass the Test by Trusting &amp; Obeying without Murmuring <i>1 Corinthians 10</i></p> <p><b>Further Commands about Not Murmuring</b> Be Hospitable without Grumbling <i>1 Peter 4:9</i></p> <p>Do All Things without Grumbling <i>Philippians 2:14-16</i></p> <p>False Teachers and Apostates are Grumblers and Fault-finders Who Follow Their Own Lusts <i>Jude 1:16</i></p>

## HOW TO DETOX GODLESS GRUMBLING

### I. RECOGNIZE THE CHARACTERISTICS OF MURMURING.

*"Nor grumble, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer." 1 Corinthians 10:10*

- Murmuring \_\_\_\_\_ on the size of problem people and not the size of God's powerful presence.  
*Numbers 13:26-33*

**MURMURING IS \_\_\_\_\_!**

- Murmuring is born in the context of "\_\_\_\_\_" . *Numbers 13:32-33; 14:1-5, 11-12, 36-37*

#### "BAD REPORTS" ARE OFTEN...

- \_\_\_\_\_ to the point of making no sense.
- \_\_\_\_\_ in emphasizing the negative and the impossible.
- \_\_\_\_\_ due to human reasoning, comparison, and insecurity.
- \_\_\_\_\_ in assuming the worse about others and the problem.
- \_\_\_\_\_ in claiming superior knowledge, understanding, and wisdom.
- \_\_\_\_\_ to our worse fears and sin nature.

- Murmuring breeds and feeds on \_\_\_\_\_. *Number 14:2*

4. Murmuring quickly jumps to the \_\_\_\_\_. *Numbers 14:3a*
5. Murmuring leads to \_\_\_\_\_-based decision-making. *Numbers 14:3b-4*
6. Murmuring thrives in an atmosphere of fear and \_\_\_\_\_. *Numbers 14:9*
7. Murmuring is always countered by a God-fearing, faith-based \_\_\_\_\_. *Numbers 14:5-10*
8. Murmuring that goes unchecked leads to \_\_\_\_\_. *Numbers 14:4, 9-10*

#### REBELLION THAT...

- **Rejects** the fact that God is in control.
- **Refuses** to believe that God can conquer any circumstance.
- **Rebels** by making the wrong choice about what we can control and not realizing God uses negative people and circumstances in our lives to make us more like Christ and bring glory to Himself!

#### REBELLION THAT SPREADS...

- \_\_\_\_\_ "We can't do that!"
- \_\_\_\_\_ "Why does He want us to do that?"
- \_\_\_\_\_ "I don't want to do that! Do you want to do that?"
- \_\_\_\_\_ "I won't do that and neither should you!"

9. Murmuring is \_\_\_\_\_ by God.  
*"Nor grumble, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer." 1 Corinthians 10:10*
10. Murmuring is a result of Gospel-exposure without Gospel-\_\_\_\_\_. *1 Corinthians 10:1-5*

## 2. RECOMMIT TO GIVING \_\_\_\_\_ CRITICISM.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ yourself and the situation to God **in prayer**. *1 Peter 5:6-10*
2. \_\_\_\_\_ to resolve the issue with those who are **actually part** of the solution. *Numbers 14:5-10; Acts 6:1-7*
  - Assure those in authority of:
    - 1) Your \_\_\_\_\_.
    - 2) Your \_\_\_\_\_.
    - 3) Your \_\_\_\_\_ to their perspective and counsel.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ others to follow your example instead of murmuring to you. *Philippians 2:14-16*
4. \_\_\_\_\_ to apply the gospel of Jesus Christ to your difficult, fearful, and anxious wilderness experiences with an obedient faith. *1 Corinthians 10:5-6; Jude 5; Hebrews 3:1-4:2*