

Numbers 11:19-20 “Ye shall not eat one day, nor two days, nor five days, neither ten days, nor twenty days; but even a whole month, until it come out of your nostrils, and it be loathsome unto you: *because that ye have despised the Lord which is among you, and have wept before him, saying, Why came we forth out of Egypt?*”

The Israelites had fussed and complained long enough – God was tired of hearing it and decided to give them what they wanted – in abundance (vs. 31). Their hunger was not the problem – the problem was their distrust in God; their lack of willingness to suffer for the sake of God’s purposes; their lack of commitment to God’s Will for their lives; their remembrance, and longing for, the pleasures they had while in bondage, not considering the “bondage” instead – basically, focusing on everything but the right thing.

How often do we, today, do the very same thing? Complaining and fussing to God about what we don’t have, instead of counting our blessings; remembering, with fondness, the “good times” of our old life of bondage without considering the terrible and dangerous state we were in (spiritually dead and headed for hell); focusing on all the wrong things instead of the right things.

I wonder if God gets tired of dealing with us. I wonder if He sometimes just wants to withdraw His shield of protection and blessing and let us have our way for a season. Does He actually do that sometimes?

Think about your own life and what you are going through *today*. Ask yourself . . .

Is all this stuff happening to me because of my faithfulness to God? Is the enemy just trying to destroy me because I’m doing the right thing (like Moses, when Aaron and Miriam came against him – Numbers 12:1-15)?

Or, is all this stuff happening to me because of my continual complaining? Because of my lack of trust in God? Because of my unwillingness to suffer for the cause of Christ? Because of my attachment to my old life? Because of my desire to go back and “enjoy the pleasures of sin just for a season?”

**“DO ALL THINGS
WITHOUT
MURMURINGS
(COMPLAINING)
AND
DISPUTINGS
(ARGUING).”**

Philippians 2:14

Many times the battles we face and the trials we go through are not attacks because we are a child of God, but because our walk is not what it should be. Reflecting on my own life, I see this reality.

As human beings, in a corrupt world, it is so easy to get distracted and get “out of focus”. We **MUST** stay connected in a healthy, growing relationship with Jesus in order to stay on track. And, this **MUST** be a **DAILY** way of living. In the words of China Missionary, Hudson Taylor, “*even life itself must be secondary*”.



Instead of complaining that the rose bush is full of thorns, take a long look at the beauty of the flowers and be thankful that the thorn bush has roses.