

Moses is Driven To Depression

Numbers 11:4-15

- (4) And the mixt multitude that *was* among them fell a lusting: and the children of Israel also wept again, and said, Who shall give us flesh to eat?
- (5) We remember the fish, which we did eat in Egypt freely; the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlick:
- (6) But now our soul *is* dried away: *there is* nothing at all, beside this manna, *before* our eyes.
- (10) Then Moses heard the people weep throughout their families, every man in the door of his tent: and the anger of the LORD was kindled greatly; Moses also was displeased.
- (11) And Moses said unto the LORD, Wherefore hast thou afflicted thy servant? and wherefore have I not found favour in thy sight, that thou layest the burden of all this people upon me?
- (12) Have I conceived all this people? have I begotten them, that thou shouldest say unto me, Carry them in thy bosom, as a nursing father beareth the sucking child, unto the land which thou swarest unto their fathers?
- (13) Whence should I have flesh to give unto all this people? for they weep unto me, saying, Give us flesh, that we may eat.
- (14) I am not able to bear all this people alone, because *it is* too heavy for me.
- (15) And if thou deal thus with me, kill me, I pray thee, out of hand, if I have found favour in thy sight; and let me not see my wretchedness.

They Lusted for The Flesh

Verse 4 tells about how a “mixt multitude” the riff raff, a group started to complain, then the children of Israel begin to weep, “Who shall give us flesh to eat?”

- Egypt in the Bible is always a picture of the sinful world and they are complaining because they want the flesh like they had in Egypt.
 - Remember the fish, cucumbers, melons, leeks, the onions and the garlic we used to enjoy in Egypt. Remember when after a hard day of work outside in the heat, we would crack open a cold beer.
 - Remember when’s are dangerous, when the memory is Egypt and the lusts of the flesh!
 - What they forgot is that their land, their flocks, their possessions were sold and they were put in the bondage of slavery to work making brick without straw for Pharoah.
 - Remember how he did not let you worship your God and you cried out for deliverance!
 - What you need to remember is when God delivered you and the Egyptians gave you their gold jewelry and he delivered you at the Red Sea and he has fed you and watched over you even though you didn’t have an army.
 - Remember when you woke up with a hangover, your paycheck was gone, your friends left and the pain that you tried to drink away was still there. Remember when you were afraid to lay down to sleep because you knew if you died that night that you would wake up in hell.

- Remember when Jesus Christ showed great mercy on you and saved your soul because he died in your place in Calvary's cross and rose on the third day.
- They complained because the manna wasn't good enough to eat and they wanted to feast on the flesh.
 - You get tired of God's Word, if it does not satisfy you and you don't want it anymore, you are in for the same trouble that the children of Israel faced!
 - Verse 6 - "There is nothing at all, beside this manna, before our eyes."
 - The first sign of a spiritual problem is that you neglect the Word and right behind it is that you neglect prayer.
 - You do that and you will be looking back at Egypt.

Your Complaining, Disobedience and Lack of Satisfaction with God Hurts Your Pastor!

(10) Then Moses heard the people weep throughout their families, every man in the door of his tent: and the anger of the LORD was kindled greatly; Moses also was displeased.

- Moses was the pastor of the huge church of the children of Israel for 40 years.
- When his people were not satisfied with God's manna, they began to complain and lust after the flesh, it displeased Moses.
 - Moses was greatly burdened by this and the same thing happens to your pastors when you begin to complain and get a critical spirit, whether it be before service, on Facebook or in a business meeting.
 - Moses took their actions personally, he felt like it was his fault and that he had failed God in leading the people.
 - Your words and your actions have consequences both with God and with the man that he has placed in leadership over you.

In Times of Weakness, The Devil Attacks

Deuteronomy 25:17-18 Remember what Amalek did unto thee by the way, when ye were come forth out of Egypt; (18) How he met thee by the way, and smote the hindmost of thee, *even* all *that were* feeble behind thee, when thou *wast* faint and weary; and he feared not God.

- The Amalekites never fought fair, they didn't attack the front lines where the strong men were, they would sneak around the back of the children of Israel where all the feeble, faint and weary ones were and attack them.
 - The complaints of the people made Moses weary and discouraged and the devil saw an opening.
 - I don't know what he said to Moses, but look at Moses' reaction and prayer to God in verse 15.

(15) And if thou deal thus with me, kill me, I pray thee, out of hand, if I have found favour in thy sight; and let me not see my wretchedness.

- This is the same man that went against Pharaoh and shared God's will before each plague, he raised the rod at the Red Sea and it parted and they all crossed over on dry land and he watched God bring the Red Sea back to drown Pharaoh's mighty army.

- A man that was powerfully led by God...

Hebrews 11:27-29 By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible. (28) Through faith he kept the passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them. (29) By faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry *land*: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned.

- This great man of God was now telling God, if you love me, then kill me. Take my life, so that I won't see any more of my wretched leadership of the people.
 - That's depression, that's a dark place that Moses was in and it began with the complaining people, which caused him to look at himself.
 - You can't focus on the complaining people around you because it will cause you to compare yourself to them and see yourself as better.
 - Look at how many times Moses says "I" and "me" in verses 11-15!
 - If you want to compare yourself, compare your life with the life of Jesus Christ!
 - The devil loves to get you to only think about yourself and to get you by yourself and feeling that you are all alone. He does his best work!
- Elijah had just had a great victory against false religion on Mount Carmel, then he heard that Jezebel wanted to kill him and he ran away into the wilderness all by himself and sat under the Juniper Tree and asked God to take his life.
 - God told Elijah in a still small voice that he wasn't alone, there were 7k that remained in Israel that haven't bowed down or kissed Baal and God told Moses to get 70 elders and I will fill them with the same spirit to help you bear the burden.
 - I'm glad I'm not alone tonight, I have brothers and sisters working alongside of me. I'm glad that we have a Bible to lead us, a Pastor to guide us, a Savior to hear us and a Holy Spirit to comfort us and fill us with power!

If Elijah, a powerful prophet that was led by faith and Moses, a powerful leader who was led by faith can both get to such a low point that they both wanted to die, then you and I are no different!

- That should be an encouragement and a warning.
- You can't do this by yourself and your complaining and disobedience will cause difficulty to other Christians.