

“The Sin of Complaining”

Numbers 11:1-35

The Lord’s Day Morning

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Numbers 1–10 describes what happened in that first year after the Exodus from Egypt. God purifies and prepares his people for the journey to the promised land. The Lord provides *connection* through the covenant, *protection* from their enemies, *direction* for the way to live, and *nutrition* in the form of manna. The people respond well to God’s provision by trusting and obeying him, doing “all that the Lord commanded Moses” (1:54; also see 2:34; 3:51; 4:49; 8:3; 9:23).

But Numbers 11 introduces the first sign of trouble as they set out on their journey. Ignoring God’s gift of long-term gain of the land, they focus on the inconvenience of short-term pain of the journey. That’s when they start to complain. What is complaining? *Complaining is speaking infectious words from an ungrateful heart.*

1. The sin of complaining _____ the Lord’s _____ (1–9).
2. The sin of complaining _____ the Lord’s _____ (10–30).
3. The sin of complaining _____ the Lord’s _____ (31–35).