

The Gateway Sin: Complaining 1 Corinthians 10:1-10

Introduction: How do you complain in the right way?

Don't hurt others, don't repress, in case of Israel rooted in ingratitude

God following people: Baptized in Red Sea, Eating Spiritually, Following Christ, v. 1-4

Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, ² all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³ all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink.

For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ.

⁵ But with most of them God was not well pleased, for *their bodies* were scattered in the wilderness.

They Sinned: Lusting after evil things, Idolatry, Sexual Immorality, Complaining Why do people sin? The are dissatisfied (begin to complain)

⁶ Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted. ⁷ And do not become idolaters as *were* some of them. As it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play." ⁸ Nor let us commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell; ⁹ nor let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by serpents; ¹⁰ nor complain, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer.

Their Fate Illustrates Our Possibilities Romans 15:4

¹¹ Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.

I. The Danger of Grumbling

A. Robs Us Of Strength

Ps. 77 I cried out to God, I refused to be comforted, I was overwhelmed, Can't hold eye diodes open.

B. It keep sus from Spiritual growth, makes us selfish

Joshua 1:8 meditate day and night on word

C. It becomes our identity, soon it is all we are

Exodus 3:7 God heard them as slaves, 14:11-12 are there no graves in Egypt, going to die in wilderness, 16:3 O that we died in Egypt, we are starving

D. It blocks our trust in God

Pro 3:5-6 Trust in Lord with all your heart, lean not on own

II. Verses on Grumbling

Proverbs 21:19 Better to dwell in a corner of a housetop, Than in a house shared with a contentious woman

Lamentations 3:39 Why should we complain about the punishment of our sins

John 6:43 do not complain among yourselves

Philippians 2:14 Do all things without grumbling or questioning

1 Peter 4:9 Show hospitality to others without grumbling

Jms 5:9 Do not grumble against one another lest you be condemned

Ephesians 4:29 Let no corrupt talk come out of your mouths, only that which benefits your hearers.

Jude 1:16 these men are grumblers

III. Learning How To Complain

A. If you re angry with a person, settle it directly, Matthew 18

B. Express your concerns to God

Psalm 142:2 I pour out my complain to you O God, 4 Look and see no one acknowledges me, no one cares for my soul, 7 Bring me out of prison and I will praise your name.

C. Watch yourself and see if you are a complainer

D. Understand God is working in his way and his time

Isaiah 55:11 never returns void, Habakkuk 2:4