

NUMBERS 11:1-35
GODLINESS WITH
CONTENTMENT IS GREAT GAIN



11 And the people complained in the hearing of the Lord about their misfortunes, and when the Lord heard it, his anger was kindled, and the fire of the Lord burned among them and consumed some outlying parts of the camp. 2 Then the people cried out to Moses, and Moses prayed to the Lord, and the fire died down.

4 Now the rabble that was among them had a strong craving. And the people of Israel also wept again and said, "Oh that we had meat to eat! 5 We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic.

**6 But now our strength is dried up,
and there is nothing at all but this
manna to look at.”**

**7 Now the manna was like
coriander seed, and its appearance
like that of bdellium.**

8 The people went about and gathered it and ground it in handmills or beat it in mortars and boiled it in pots and made cakes of it. And the taste of it was like the taste of cakes baked with oil. 9 When the dew fell upon the camp in the night, the manna fell with it.

10 Moses heard the people weeping throughout their clans, everyone at the door of his tent. And the anger of the Lord blazed hotly, and Moses was displeased.

11 Moses said to the Lord, "Why have you dealt ill with your servant? And why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me?"

12 Did I conceive all this people? Did I give them birth, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a nursing child,' to the land that you swore to give their fathers? 13 Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they weep before me and say, 'Give us meat, that we may eat.'

14 I am not able to carry all this people alone; the burden is too heavy for me. 15 If you will treat me like this, kill me at once, if I find favor in your sight, that I may not see my wretchedness."

**16 Then the Lord said to Moses,
"Gather for me seventy men of the
elders of Israel, whom you know to
be the elders of the people and
officers over them, and bring them
to the tent of meeting, and let them
take their stand there with you..**

**17 And I will come down and talk
with you there. And I will take
some of the Spirit that is on you
and put it on them, and they shall
bear the burden of the people with
you, so that you may not bear it
yourself alone**

24 So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent.

25 Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it.

26 Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp.

28 And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, "My lord Moses, stop them."

29 But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, that the Lord would put his Spirit on them!"

31 Then a wind from the Lord sprang up, and it brought quail from the sea and let them fall beside the camp, about a day's journey on this side and a day's journey on the other side, around the camp, and about two cubits above the ground.

**33 While the meat was yet
between their teeth, before it was
consumed, the anger of the Lord
was kindled against the people,
and the Lord struck down the
people with a very great plague.**

**God judges sin but also has
provided an intercessor.**

**God knows our needs, but we are
tempted to prioritize our
preferences.**

**God meets our greatest need by
His Spirit and Word.**

**Unchecked, deified desires direct
us toward the realm of death.**