

## Parashat Shelach: Without Murmuring and Complaining

On January 7, 1991, I had been whining and muttering discontentedly about how things were not happening in our home according to my expectations. At 5:00 p.m. the Lord spoke by His Spirit and said to me:

"Honor your husband before ME, CONTINUALLY,  
WITHOUT, MURMURING and COMPLAINING."

Then the Holy Spirit began to open my understanding as follows:

1. Publicly I honor and respect my husband but He (Lord) sees my heart when I complain and murmur about disappointments in secret.
2. Complaining opens the door to a root of bitterness. Then our words curse instead of bless; bring death not life. Negative expectations bind our husbands and God.
3. Complaining brings God's judgment! God considers it evil, sin, wickedness and rebellion.
4. Israel could have had their desires in 11 days (Deut 1:2); instead they brought God's judgment. Everything they wanted and needed was in Canaan in great abundance. The things they were complaining about, they were not allowed to have. WHY? "By thy words thou shalt be justified. and by thy words thou shalt be condemned." (Matt. 12:37)

### Considering Numbers, Chapter 14:

- Vs 2 Israel grumbled and deplored their situation, accusing Moses and Aaron. They said, "would that we had died in Egypt! Or that we had died in this wilderness!"
- Vs 3-4 Israel accuses the Lord for bringing them to the wilderness to die. They wanted to take matters into their own hands and go back to Egypt.
- Vs 9 Complaining leads to rebellion (which is as the sin of witchcraft)!
- Vs 11 The Lord said: "Why do they provoke (despise) me? How long will it be before they believe (trusting in, relying on, clinging to me) even after all the miracles I have done for them."
- Vs 27 "How long will this evil congregation murmur against me? I have heard the complaints the Israelites murmur against me." They were discontent with their personal situation. They wanted things their way.
- Vs 28-29 The Lord said: "What you have said in my hearing I will do to you: your dead bodies shall fall in the wilderness." (See Vs 2)
- Vs 31 "...the land that you have despised and rejected..."  
Notice that land equals God's promises.  
Murmuring and complaining is equated to despising and rejecting God's promises.
- Vs 32 Our complaining causes others to complain. The men who returned made all the congregation grumble and complain against Moses. Those who brought an evil report of the land died by a plague before the Lord.

### Steps of Action:

Bottom Line: Do we really believe God (trust in, rely on, cling to Him)

How can we do it? Psalms 147: 15 and Hebrews 4:11,12

The living Word of Adonai governs the affairs of Satan; it is and will be his destruction! His Word always prevails!

We want to speak Scripture for the things we want God to accomplish in our husbands, ourselves, our children and any other situation. Focus only on the PROMISE, which is seeing from God's perspective. Joshua and Caleb did exactly that and they received because they BELIEVED the promises God made.

Are we going to possess the land or are we going to die in the wilderness? (Mark 11:23,24)