

Another Grumbler, Mumbler, Whining, Mutter Bologna Sandwich

This week's *Parashat Sh'lach*, which means 'send or dispatch' reminds me of the famous commercial "Have Another Nutter Butter Peanut Butter Sandwich Cookie" (See https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=luYq_wetA0 and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X62UYgAv658>) because in it we have 'Another Grumbler, Mumbler, Whining, Mutter Bologna Sandwich' episode. Murmuring and complaining have many synonyms, mainly, grumble, mumble, mutter, whine, murmur, moan, carp, protest, criticize, disenchant, disheartened, cynical, complaint, disillusion, and disappointment. None of these sound positive and they are nothing but poison to our walk as Believers. We are all tempted to murmur and to complain when things go wrong or do not go according to our expectations and to become disillusioned and to despair. It turns out that in the Lord, murmuring, complaining (moping, crying) will get you nothing – it will get you the incorrect result – judgment!

Many of us publicly honor one another (pay close attention any of you that are married) but the Lord sees and hears your heart when you grumble, murmur, whine, mutter or complain in the privacy of your own mind or when you share disappointments about those you are in relationship with publicly. Complaining opens the door to a root of bitterness. It is then that our words curse instead of bless; bring death not life. Negative expectations bind people we are in relationship with and also bind God. In numbers 14 we see that complaining brought God's judgment! God considers murmuring and complaining evil, sin, wickedness and rebellion. Israel could have had all of their desires in 11 days (Deut. 1:2) but instead they brought God's judgment and had to wait 38 years. Everything they wanted and needed was in the Promised Land in great abundance, but the very things they were complaining about, they were not allowed to have. *"But as certainly as I live and as certainly as the glory of Adonai fills the entire earth, none of the people who saw My glory and My miraculous signs I performed in Egypt and in the wilderness—yet tested Me these **ten times** and did not obey My Voice—not one of them will see the land I promised to their forefathers. None of those who treated Me with contempt will see it!" (Numbers 14:21-23) Why do you think this is? Because: "For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned" (Matt. 12:37).*

On June 13, 2015 Ian preached a message entitled "*Reboot Version 10.0*" and it was a powerful and wonderful message on today's *Parasha*. In it he shared that there were 10 displays of God's power resulting in the deliverance of the Children of Israel (10 plagues), 10 Words of Love to His "segulah" bride (10 commandments), 10 rebellious leaders who stirred up the people (the 10 men who gave the bad report and stirred up the dissension died in the presence of the Lord) and they tested God 10 times according to Numbers 14:22b (Ex. 14 at the Red Sea, Ex. 15 at the Waters of Meribah, Ex. 16 (three) Manna, Meat and Violation of Shabbat, Ex. 17 at the Water of Rephidim, Ex. 32 the Golden Calf, Lev. 10 Strange Fire, Numbers 11 Meat and in Nu. 13 the 10 spies). He added: "The children will suffer for forty years, one year for every day of spying, but in the end the children will possess all their parents could have had. In fact, God says they will suffer because of their unfaithfulness. The parents are going to die off in misery because they weren't willing to trust what God said, that He would do. Then the 10 men who gave the bad report and stirred up the dissension died in the presence of the Lord. We all need a reboot before we get to 10 tests of God. He is faithful, He is able, He is strong, He is Mighty, He is interested, He is excited about you, He wants you to go into the Promised Land!"

We need to repent if we have been murmuring and complaining, or moping and crying, or grumbling, mumbling, and whining or muttering about how things are not what they should be. You see this is just 'Another Grumbler, Mumbler, Whining, Mutter Bologna Sandwich' that we do not need. How easily we forget that He said: *"with God all things are possible, there is nothing impossible with Him"* (Matt. 19:26, and also in Jer. 32:27 *"Behold, I am Adonai, the God of all flesh; is there anything too hard for Me?"*) and that *"Yeshua said to him: All things are possible for one who believes!"* (Mark 9:23)

The living Word of God governs the affairs of Satan; it is and will be his destruction! His Word always prevails! We need to speak Scripture for the things we want God to accomplish in our husbands, wives, ourselves, our children and any other situation. We need to focus only on the COVENANT PROMISES, which is actually seeing from God's perspective. Joshua and Caleb did exactly that and they received the promises God made because they BELIEVED. Are we going to possess the land or are we going to die in the wilderness choking on another Bologna Sandwich? *“Truly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says is going to happen, it will be granted him. Therefore I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and they will be granted you.”* (Mk. 11:23, 24)

Everything in life is all about attitude and we Believers should have the very best attitude because we are blessed! We have life, and an abundant life at that. *Yeshua* came to give us: *“♪Beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that we might be trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He might be glorified ♪”* (Robert Manzano, 1976 based on Is. 61:3). Purpose in your heart today to NEVER yield again to the temptation of murmuring and complaining to the Lord, because no matter what is happening *“²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose”* (Romans 8:28). Shabbat Shalom!