

Parashat Shelach: Murmuring and Complaining Or Victory and Reigning

Just wondering, has anyone had an opportunity to truly complain since 2020 began?

This will be strong but positive! Our Father cares about our destinies and He is showing us how easily it can be stolen through Fear, Anger, etc. We are in times that are and will become more trying and we will need to have Stability with Determined KINGDOM Thinking and Speaking!

On January 7, 1991, I had been whining and muttering discontentedly about how things *were not* happening in our home (work, etc.) 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/we honor and respect my husband (*spouse, boss, parents, congregational leaders, governmental leaders, any positional authorities, etc.*) but He (Lord) sees my heart when I complain and murmur about disappointments (*desires/cravings, expectations*) in secret.
2. Complaining opens the door to a root of bitterness. Then our words curse instead of bless; bring death not life. Good expectations become negative, binding others (spouse etc.) and God, when demanded in our timing. It fixes us in a **"RUT- A WILDERNESS JOURNEY"**.
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 (*provision, security for family etc.*) was in Canaan in great abundance. FEAR (Number One False Prophet- Kynon Bridges) stole their future! 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 ALL 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* of 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)! (*Deut. 9:23*)
- 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 *afraid, discouraged, discontent* with their situation. At times, we get depressed, angry, and bitter...take it out on others...when our anger is really at God... could we adults be having a SPIRITUAL TEMPERTANTRUM????

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), (Prv 18:20,21). What we say determines the course of our lives and our children's (See Vv. 31, 33). Something to think about: I wonder how many of OUR circumstances WE have SPOKEN into existence?

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 *caused ALL the congregation (AN ENTIRE NATION)* to grumble and complain against Moses. Those 10 men who brought an evil report of the LAND died by a plague *before* the Lord. Though Joshua and Caleb believed the report of the Lord, they also endured the 40-year consequence along with everyone else before receiving their inheritance(ouch!!!!) So, not only does our complaining harm ourselves but our families, congregations and beyond.

Steps of Action:

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 over His enemies!

"God already has a plan; we just can't see it. All we see is the wall ahead of us. To God there is NO WALL, there are NO COMPLICATIONS involved for Him because He DOES NOT RECOGNIZE the power of the ENEMY!" (D. WILKERSON)

We must **BELIEVE, TRUST and DECLARE** the ... *"Living and Active Word of God, sharper than any two-edged sword that Pierces right through to a separation of soul and spirit, joints and marrow, able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart"* (Heb 4:12)... *"to uproot and to tear down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant"* (Jer. 1:10)...rendering the Fullness of its Power for ourselves, spouses, our children, and any other situation we will ever face. The written Word of God is our: **Mentor, Counselor, Spokesman, Solid foundation, strong tower, hammer for dislodging evil root structures, dispatches angels, our GPS -God's Positioning System for the Way, Truth and Life, Oil for light and gladness, the engineer's blueprint, the Dr.'s medicine, the Judge's rulebook, the Attorney's wisdom, the builder's plumb line, the Musician's notes, the Singer's lyrics, the King's honor, a Nation's constitution, our priestly clothing for beauty and splendor, "God's high and holy praises – our weapons of war, bringing vengeance on the nations and every resistant power, our praise-filled mouths enforcing the judgment decreed against our enemies. This honor he gives to ALL His godly lovers. Halleluyah!" (Psalm 149, TPT)**

Focusing *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.

1. Determine to Reject and refuse complaining. **We DON'T have "Peace Talks" with the enemy!!!** *"Deal a death blow to all doubt, fear and unbelief. They have to be pulled out by the roots. Every crisis is an opportunity to learn to trust God –to build a foundation for everything that comes at you for the rest of your life."* (D. Wilkerson) (1 Cor. 10:9,10)

2. Turn Fears into Godly Desires by *“Calling those things which be not as though they were!”* (Ro. 4:17-21)
Yes, Believing IS Seeing! **VICTORY is in YOUR MOUTH!**
3. Use the Appeal process to share your concerns with others.
4. Bless (yourself and others) instead of frustration/complaining/cursing. *“Do not repay evil for evil or insult for insult but give a blessing instead - it is for THIS reason YOU were CALLED, SO THAT you may inherit a blessing.”* (1 Peter 3:8,9) A blessing is much more powerful than a prayer of petition. A blessing is a **PROPHETIC DECLARATION** that will bring **RESULTS** quicker than anything else! (Matt. 5:44-48; Ro: 12:10, 14,17,19-21)

So then, we have **TWO** choices: **POSSESS the Land** or **DIE in the Wilderness?** (Mark 11:23,24)

“LIFE and DEATH are in the power of OUR tongues....” (Pr. 18:21).

“And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is a world of evil placed among our body parts. It pollutes the whole body and sets on fire the course of life—and is set on fire by Hell...it is a restless evil full of deadly poison. With it we bless our Adonai and Father, and with it we curse people, who are made in the image of God.” (James 3:6, 8-10)

Our **INHERITANCE is in our MOUTHS** – **WE WILL** eat the **FRUIT of OUR LIPS**, for death or life!
Lord, let our tongues be set on fire by your love...declaring your peace, love and joy by The Holy Spirit!

“There are TWO sides to all our trials and temptations: The TESTING side and the BREAKTHROUGH side; the side of darkness and hopelessness, and the side of victory and deliverance. Any doubter can sing AFTER the testing has passed and the victory has come. But it’s on the TESTING side that the Lord wants us to learn to SING His praises. He deserves our worship in the darkest moment.” (D. Wilkerson – Right Song, Wrong Side, July 1991)