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TEACHINGS IN THE BOOK OF NUMBERS (II)

“Then they despised the pleasant land; they did not believe His word, but complained in their tents, and did not heed the voice of the LORD.” (Psalm 106:24–25)

Objectives

<i>Knowledge of God’s Will</i>	While in the wilderness, the Israelites rebelled in their discontent and lost faith in God. Of the thousands who originally left Egypt, only Joshua and Caleb entered the promised land.
<i>Knowledge of God</i>	God is steadfast, and He is judge.
<i>Good Works</i>	Learn to serve God with zeal for His will. Learn to have a steadfast faith. Adopt a heart of contentment by focusing on what we have received from God.

A. Korah and Phinehas (Num 16:1–3; 25:8–13)

1. **Korah:** Although the Levites had been chosen by God, Korah was not content with the special duty that God had given to them. What was the source of this discontent?
 - a. *They were full of pride*
 - b. *They didn’t treasure their status*
2. **Phinehas:** His actions may seem extreme, until we realize how seriously God regards the holiness of His people. How did God describe Phinehas’ actions?
 - a. *“He was zealous with My zeal” (v. 11)*
 - b. *“[He] made atonement for the children of Israel” (v. 13)*

Life Application: A Heart to Serve God

It is human nature to desire more, but we need to treasure our status as God’s children instead of material or social riches. Serving God is not about our own ego but seeking God’s will and glory first.

B. The Israelites Refuse to Enter Canaan (Num 13:26–14:10)

Upon hearing the scouts’ report of Canaan, the Israelites were so fearful that they were willing to return to slavery in Egypt! But why were they so afraid?

1. *They lacked faith (Ps 78:37)*
2. *They lacked determination (Num 14:3–4)*

Life Application: A Steadfast Faith

A steadfast faith means having a faith that is “immovable” (1 Cor 15:58). No challenge, hardship, or obstacle will ever interfere with our purpose towards God, or our determination to receive His promises.

C. True Faith in God

No matter how much God provided for them, the Israelites had an endless litany of complaints about what they did not have during their travels.

Life Application: A Heart of Contentment

If discontent was the root of the Israelites’ rebellion, we must do the opposite. When we allow discontent to affect our relationship with God, it means that we are dissatisfied with everything that He has given us and forgotten His grace of salvation. Learning to be content instead means focusing on the things we have received (Phil 4:11–12).

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Lesson 2 Homework Assignment

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	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

Memory Verse (Psalm 106:24–25):

1. Why did the Israelites repeatedly express their discontent? What was the result?
2. “Now _____ with _____ is great _____. For we brought _____ into this _____, and it is certain we can carry _____ out.”
(1 Timothy 6:6–7)
3. What is the key difference between Korah and Phinehas’ actions?
4. Why did the Israelites refuse to enter Canaan?
5. What is a steadfast faith? What in your life has caused your faith to shake in the past?
6. Is your heart discontent? How can you learn to be content with what you have?
7. Think of the blessings that God has given you and write down as many as you can. In your prayers this week, give thanks for each blessing that you write.