

Complainers Won't Enter the Kingdom

ha-êmeq — I was explaining to my apprentices before they went back to Chattanooga how it will be in the wilderness: *two will be grinding at the mill; and one will be taken, one will be left*. If they're out there, complaining, "Man, this is so hard! Why is it taking so long?" they will be the ones who won't be with our Master.

If you complain now, you'll complain then. So I was explaining to them, "*You're going back to a hard situation in Chattanooga, and you can either make it a spring where it's really joyful, even though it's hard, or you can be grumpy. But if you're grumpy in Chattanooga, you will be grumpy in the wilderness. You've got to get rid of that thing that makes you grumpy in times of hardship.*"

We will have a little scene in the wedding where two women are grinding, and one is complaining while the other is praising our Master and trying to encourage the other one. And then the bride will be taken.

Look at 1 Cor 10:10 — Complainers will be *destroyed by the destroyer*. Now look at verse 11 — "These things were written down for our instruction," so that we will not also be destroyed. We won't be taken up if we complain. We will "suffer loss" (1 Cor 3:15). We won't be worthy of the kingdom.

There will be no murmurers in the kingdom. They won't rule with our Master. There is just no way complainers can enter the kingdom. That doesn't mean they don't have eternal life. But you have to understand that it is the *kingdom* that we are striving to be worthy of — the 1000-year reign of Messiah. We have already received eternal life; our names are already written in the Lamb's book of life. But we have to attain to the kingdom reign of our Master Yahshua (Phil 3:11). So some *so-called* disciples who murmur do not think they will be destroyed also, as were the murmurers of old. They may be disciples, and they may not — I don't know. But it says plainly in 1 Cor 10:11-13 what will happen to complainers.

Have you ever grumbled? What if you're grinding at the mill and one of you is grumbling and the other is not? Which one is worthy? Rev 3:4-5 says we have to be *worthy of Him* to enter the kingdom and rule with Him in the next age.

So have you ever grumbled? Everyone who has grumbled, raise your hand.
(*Everyone in the room raises their hand.*)

Good, everyone raised their hand. So what are we going to do about it?

Gad — I know! We should *encourage one another, day after day.*

What if you don't do that?

Gad — Then your brother is probably going to start grumbling because he's not receiving encouragement.

We are commanded to encourage one another daily, not just once a week (Heb 3:13; 10:25). So the one who is *not encouraging* is not worthy of the kingdom either. Two women are grinding at the mill, and one is grumbling, and the other one is just letting the woman grumble. So maybe neither will be taken. Do you see?

Murmur — a half-suppressed or muttered complaint; a mumbled or private expression of discontent; to feel or express dissatisfaction or discontent; complaint expressed under one's breath.

So a murmur is a complaint, but almost with a closed mouth, as when the wife is irritated by her husband. It's a really serious thing, though we could make it sound funny. Certainly we have all grumbled, but we're not all grumblers. We have all told a lie, but we're not all liars. We do sin, but we don't *keep on* sinning in that way. When we sin, we immediately confess it. We don't let it go on.

So then these things happened as examples to who? To *us*, upon whom the end of the age has come. Maybe Paul thought it was talking about them, but later he found out that it really wasn't, and that our Master wasn't coming back at that time.

"Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" And He replied to them, "It's not for you to know." (Acts 1:6-7)

He said, *"It's not for you to know when I'm going to come back. Just preach the gospel."* That's really important. Even our Master didn't know it before He was crucified, and maybe He even didn't know after. Certainly He didn't want to tell them, *"No, you're all going to fall away by the second century."*

1 Cor 10:11 — So these things were written down as examples to us, so that knowing the outcome of the ways it happened to old Israel, and then to the first church, it would not have to happen to us — *if we can learn from their example*. It's written down for us, so what are we going to do about it? Complain?

So as we said last night, history tends to repeat itself. If you don't learn from history, *you're doomed to repeat it*. So what's going to happen now, when you start complaining again? You're going to judge it. When you catch yourself complaining, you'll confess it, and cry out to our Father to give you grace. We're not going to be complainers and murmurers and mumblers, going around with a closed mouth, grumbling under our breath. We're going to be destroyed if we murmur. What are we going to be destroyed by? The *destroyer*. The destroyers ruin everything.

The reason Adam and Eve fell was because a modifying influence came upon them. Satan exerted a modifying effect upon them, so they never could be all that our Father wanted them to be, because they were fallen. They could still maintain a good conscience, but they could not attain to the glory of their Creator. They had fallen short of that glory. But we who are redeemed could also be modified if we give in to Satan's modifying influence. If we can't *repent* from it, then we'll continue to be modified, and we'll never be worthy of the kingdom.

If you keep on sinning the way you do, just giving into Satan's *touch*, then he modifies you. If you were at a carnival, and the carnival barker said, "Step right up, folks, to Satan's touch! Let him exert a modifying influence on you!" you probably wouldn't fall for it. But he's more subtle than that.

Yet there are so many places where you can just “*Step right up,*” and come into Satan’s domain, letting Satan touch you, exert a modifying effect upon you. We have to be careful, as it could be a sin unto death. Then you’re not worthy of the kingdom.

We have to *repent* from it and be completely new, and keep ourselves pure from those things we are tempted by. Satan wants to modify every one of us. And if we are modified, we can never live up to our Father’s great and mighty expectations of us. We can’t do His will if all of our gifts are never used properly and we never attain to doing the works prepared for us. That is what a “modifying influence” does to us.

If there is going to be a grumble coming out, it has got to be a *positive* grumbling. That’s why we have complaint mornings, so that we won’t be complaining all day long. We complain at the complaint morning gathering. It is good to bring a positive complaint if it brings increase.

Soreph Gamaliel — We might not even fully see why we’re grumbling, when someone tells us, “*You’re grumbling.*” It might just be a way of communication we learned, growing up in the world. But as we learn what grumbling is, and we try to cut it off, we’ll finally see what it’s connected to in our soul, in our inner workings.

A recent teaching said, “If you can’t confine a person to one place, he can’t be purified.” You can’t be purified from what’s in you if you can’t be confined to doing one thing, and living in one place for long enough to bring it out. Some people sense that purifying fire reaching down into their inner workings, and they want to run from the heat.

It is such a fundamental thing in human beings to grumble, when you don’t get your way, or when you suffer. But our Father is trying to get at all those unclean things in our souls that cause us to complain. How are we ever going to endure the last days if we complain about our brothers and sisters now? Obviously we won’t.

Havah bat Zerubbabel — Yônêq said, “*The complainers will be destroyed by the ruiner.*” That’s what the evil one is: he comes in to ruin our life. I thought about all the little ways you can complain without even realizing it, and it makes the atmosphere so miserable for everyone else. Rev 12:11 says that one of the ways we overcome is by *the word of our testimony*. We encourage one another about the things our Father has done for us. That

gets our eyes off the little things that aren't nice or that you think should change. "*Yahweh has helped us.*" That's the key, that we would praise our Father for what He has done for us already.

I want to be one that praises our Father for the little things; then complaint won't come so easy, because we're *not loving our lives, even unto death*. If you're laying your life down, not thinking about yourself, then it's not going to come to you to complain. I don't want the evil one to be able to ruin our life through that.

Aiyelet shel Gader — I was thankful for what we heard about how the bride will be in the last times of tribulation: making things nice for her friends, even though things are getting harder and harder, and she is being pushed out of society. From a natural perspective, the world has defeated her, but she's still making things nice and praising our Father. If we do that, just loving our brothers and sisters and making things nice now, then that is what we'll be doing then, and all that is left in us will be praise.

David (from Oak Hill) — When you start to grumble, things start to rumble, and then everything crumbles.