

Numbers 11

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⁴ Now the mixed multitude who were among them yielded to intense craving; so the children of Israel also wept again and said: "Who will give us meat to eat? ⁵ We remember the fish which we ate freely in Egypt, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; ⁶ but now our whole being is dried up; there is nothing at all except this manna before our eyes!" ⁷ Now the manna was like coriander seed, and its color like the color of bdellium. ⁸ The people went about and gathered it, ground it on millstones or beat it in the mortar, cooked it in pans, and made cakes of it; and its taste was like the taste of pastry prepared with oil. ⁹ And when the dew fell on the camp in the night, the manna fell on it.

¹⁰ Then Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, everyone at the door of his tent; and the anger of the Lord was greatly aroused; Moses also was displeased. ¹¹ So Moses said to the Lord, "Why have You afflicted Your servant? And why have I not found favor in Your sight, that You have laid the burden of all these people on me? ¹² Did I conceive all these people? Did I beget them, that You should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a guardian carries a nursing child,' to the land which You swore to their fathers? ¹³ Where am I to get meat to give to all these people? For they weep all over me, saying, 'Give us meat, that we may eat.' ¹⁴ I am not able to bear all these people alone, because the burden is too heavy for me. ¹⁵ If You treat me like this, please kill me here and now—if I have found favor in Your sight—and do not let me see my wretchedness!"

¹⁶ So the Lord said to Moses: "Gather to Me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tabernacle of meeting, that they may stand there with you. ¹⁷ Then I will come down and talk with you there. I will take of the Spirit that is upon you and will put the same upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with you, that you may not bear it yourself alone. ¹⁸ Then you shall say to the people, 'Consecrate yourselves for tomorrow, and you shall eat meat; for you have wept in the hearing of the Lord, saying, "Who will give us meat to eat? For it was well with us in Egypt." Therefore the Lord will give you meat, and you shall eat. ¹⁹ You shall eat, not one day, nor two days, nor five days, nor ten days, nor twenty days, ²⁰ but for a whole month, until it comes out of your nostrils and becomes loathsome to you, because you have despised the Lord who is among you, and have wept before Him, saying, "Why did we ever come up out of Egypt?"' "

²¹ And Moses said, "The people whom I am among are six hundred thousand men on foot; yet You have said, 'I will give them meat, that they may eat for a whole month.' ²² Shall flocks and herds be slaughtered for them, to provide enough for them? Or shall all the fish of the sea be gathered together for them, to provide enough for them?" ²³ And the Lord said to Moses, "Has the Lord's arm been shortened? Now you shall see whether what I say will happen to you or not."

²⁴ So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord, and he gathered the seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tabernacle. ²⁵ Then the Lord came down in the cloud, and spoke to him, and took of the Spirit that was upon him, and placed the same upon the seventy elders; and it happened, when the Spirit rested upon them, that they prophesied, although they never did so again.

²⁶ But two men had remained in the camp: the name of one was Eldad, and the name of the other Medad. And the Spirit rested upon them. Now they were among those listed, but who had not gone out to the tabernacle; yet they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷ And a young man ran and told Moses, and said, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." ²⁸ So Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, one of his choice men, answered and said, "Moses my lord, forbid them!" ²⁹ Then Moses said to him, "Are you zealous for my sake? Oh, that all the Lord's people were prophets and that the Lord would put His Spirit upon them!" ³⁰ And Moses returned to the camp, he and the elders of Israel.

³¹ Now a wind went out from the Lord, and it brought quail from the sea and left them fluttering near the camp, about a day's journey on this side and about a day's journey on the other side, all around the camp, and about two cubits above the surface of the ground. ³² And the people stayed up all that day, all night, and all the next day, and gathered the quail (he who gathered least gathered ten homers); and they spread them out for themselves all around the camp. ³³ But while the meat was still between their teeth, before it was chewed, the wrath of the Lord was aroused against the people, and the Lord struck the people with a very great plague. ³⁴ So he called the name of that place Kibroth Hattaavah, because there they buried the people who had yielded to craving. ³⁵ From Kibroth Hattaavah the people moved to Hazeroth, and camped at Hazeroth.

Contentment with God and Confidence in His Spirit

Main idea: We ought to be content to have the Lord Himself, and we ought to have confidence in His Spirit

Introduction: the first two stops get added to the map as “It Burns” and “Graves of Craving”

1. It Burns

1. The Lord hears and hates our complaining.
2. Our sin is uncleanness (e.g. outskirts of the camp). A complaining heart is as Nadab and Abihu!
3. We need a mediator to whom the Lord listens. We have a better one than Moses—Jesus!

2. Graves of Craving

1. Complaining goes viral, so guard your heart by guarding your ears, and watch your mouth to help others
2. Complaining is a despising of the Lord
3. What we need more than men (Moses) or deference to God's servants (Joshua) is God's Spirit!
4. Be careful what you wish for. They wanted the Egypt treatment; they got a great plague.

Conclusion: Be content with the Lord (and whatever He gives with Himself), and have confidence in Him!

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Numbers 11. These are the words of God. Now, when the people complained, It displeased Yahweh for Yahweh heard it, and his anger was aroused. So the fire of Yahweh burned, among them and consumed some in the outskirts of the camp.

And the people cried out to Moses and when Moses prayed to Yahweh, the fire was quenched. So, he called the name of the place, Tavera. Because the fire of Yahweh had burned. Among them. Now, the mixed multitude who were among them yielded to an intense craving. So the children of Israel also, wept and wept again and said who will give us meat to eat.

We remember the fish which we ate freely in Egypt, the cucumbers, the melons the leeks, the onions, and the garlic, But now, our whole being has dried up and there is nothing at all except this Manna before our eyes. Now the Manna was like coriander seed and its color like the color of Dahlian.

The people went about and gathered it grounded on millstones or beat it in the mortar, cooked it in pans and made cakes of it. And its taste was like the taste of pastry prepared with oil. And when the Dew fell on the camp in the night, the Manna fell on it.

Then Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families. Everyone at the door of his tent. And the anger of Yahweh. Was greatly aroused. Moses also was displeased. So Moses said to Yahweh. Why have you Afflicted your servant? And why have I not found favor in your sight that you have laid the burden of all these people on me?

Did I conceive all these people did? I beget them? That you should say, to me, carry them in, your bosom, as a guardian carries, a nursing child to the land, which you swore to, their fathers. Where am I to get meat to give to all these people for? They weep all over me saying, give us meat that we may eat I'm not able to Bear all these people alone because the burden is too heavy for me.

If you treat me like this, please kill me here. And now, if I have found favor in your sight and do not, let me see my wretchedness. So, he always said to Moses, Gather to me, 70 men of the Elders of Israel, whom, you know, to be the Elders of the people and officers over them.

Bring them to the Tabernacle of meeting that they may stand there with you. Then I will come down and talk with you there. I will take of the spirit that is upon you and will put the same upon them and they shall bear. The burden of the people with you, that you may not bear, it yourself alone, Then you shall say to the people consecrate yourselves for tomorrow and you shall eat meat for you have wept in the hearing of Yahweh saying Who will give us meat to eat.

For it was well with us in Egypt. Therefore y'all, I will give you meat and you shall eat. You shall eat not one day nor two days, nor five days, nor 10 days, nor 20 days, but for a whole month, Until it comes out of your nostrils. And becomes loathsome to you.

Because you have despised Yahweh. Who is among you. And have wept before him saying, why did we ever come up out of Egypt? And Moses said, The people whom I am among are six hundred thousand men on foot. Yet you have said, I will give them meat that they may eat for a whole month.

Shall flocks and herds be slaughtered for them to provide enough for them. Or shall all the fish of the sea. Be gathered together for them to provide enough for them. And he always said to Moses, Has yahweh's arm been shortened? Now, you shall see. Whether what I say will happen to you or not.

So, Moses went out and told the people the words of Yahweh And he gathered the 70 men of the Elders of the people, and placed them around the Tabernacle. Then Yahweh came down in the cloud and spoke to him and took this of the spirit that was upon him and placed the same upon the 70 elders.

And it happened when the spirit rested upon them that they prophesied. Although, they never did. So Again. But two men had remained in the camp. The name of one was aldad the name of the other medad and the spirit rested upon them. Now, they were among those listed but who had not gone out to the Tabernacle.

Yet, they prophesied in the camp. And the young man ran and told Moses and said El, Dad and me Dad are prophesying in the camp. So Joshua, the son of noon, Moses assistant, one of his choice, men answered and said Moses, my Lord forbid them And Moses said to him.

Or use zealous for my sake. Oh that all Yahweh's people were prophets and that Yahweh would put his Spirit upon them. And Moses returned to the camp he and the Elders of Israel. Now a wind went out from Yahweh and it brought Quail from the sea and left them.

Fluttering near the camp about a Day's Journey on this side and about a Day's Journey on the other side, all around the camp. And about two cubits above the surface of the ground. And the people stayed up all that day, all night, and all the next day and gathered the quail.

He who gathered least? Gathered 10 homers. And they spread them out for themselves all around the camp. But while the meat was still between their teeth before it was chewed, The wrath of Yahweh was aroused against the people. And Yahweh struck the people with a very

Zoe called the name of that place, kibrotha. Because there they buried the people. Who had yielded to craving? From kibroth had to Ava the people moved to hazaroth And camped. That has a Roth. So far the reading of God's inspired. And an errand twerked.

Well, we noted last week when the People of Israel set out on the first leg of the journey to the promised land that the scripture said that, Uh, they set out on a three days journey. And as we were looking at, The Numbers chapter 10, it all looked so clean and so good because we were focusing on the Lord himself.

As the one who had given order to his people, he had arranged them in military fashion. For protection. And he had given them a great orderliness to make sure that the strongest tribe was in the front and the second strongest was the rear guard and he had put the the going out of the Tabernacle structure in its proper place.

So that the going out of the Holy things of the Tabernacle would be right in the middle of the people. And, It was really the Lord himself in the cloud and by fire and in the the travel symbolized in the traveling of the Ark itself that was The great traveler, the Lord himself.

The great traveler here and it concluded with this. This wonderful conclusion. So it was whenever the ark set out that Moses said rise up. Oh Yahweh let your enemies be scattered and let those who hate you flee before you And when it rested, he said return o, Yahweh To the many thousands of Israel.

And so it sounds like a three-day Journey as God has designed, as God has ordered, and God going in the midst of his people, giving them his protection, giving them his presence, how wonderful it is. And it truly is and was wonderful. But even last week when we were noting this and how the Lord brings calls our attention to him, himself exclusively in Numbers, Chapter 10, The reality is it did not take three days.

In fact, in the portion before us here, there's over a month already. And they're going to spend another week before they get to the Wilderness of Qaran, which was Three days away when they set out from Sinai. And sadly. The names of the stops. Turn out to be. It burns.

Graves of craving. And then next week, confinement, Well we will save hazaroth or confinement. Then for next Lord's day, the Lord sparing us to one another and blessing us to gather again a week from today, but the first two places are called it burns. And Graves of craving. Now, if you've been heavily influenced by Tolkien or someone similar and you were writing a book and the book was going to include a journey and there were Maps, you might put the map in the front of the book and And with interesting names.

And if you put the two names for the first two stops, it burns and Graves of craving. You would expect a very interesting, and Very dangerous. Uh, beginning to the journey. Well, it is a very

dangerous beginning to the journey. Because immediately after we hear that, whenever they went out, Moses would say Rise up.

Oh, Yahweh and let your enemies. Be scattered. Israel proceeds, to act. As enemies of God. In fact, when He gives them the Um, the prophecy about the quail coming. He says in verse 20. Because you have despised. Yahweh. Who is among you? It is. In each of our flesh, and each of our remaining sin, To complain.

But we are beginning to see. And in the book of numbers and we've already seen it. Didn't we on the way to Sinai? They couldn't even get that far. Uh, but we're beginning to see here. Just how Dreadful and wicked. A thing complaining is for those who are the creatures of God, let alone.

For those who have the companionship. Of God. That we would yet complain, in fact. Uh, the people are not even mentioned as having marched. Of remember the chapter divisions are artificial. Those are added later. And he goes immediately from verse 35, and verse 36 with which we concluded last Lord's day two, Now, when the people complained, And actually, now the people complain, the very first thing, it says That they did.

To complain. And so, Although it does not get as much press only four verses by comparison to The 3. Verses. That we're going to have for. Uh, graves of craving for the The place where the plague of the quail happened. The first stop is called it burns. When the people complained it displeased Yahweh.

For Yahweh heard it. I hope not children, but I have been around too long and I'm a little too wise to Uh, to think that it is not the case. Uh, but I wonder If you have ever said something that you would not have said, if you knew that mom or dad could hear you.

And you said it, and then you discovered immediately or maybe grievously later That indeed. Mom heard it. Her dad, heard it. Now, it is very foolish for us to speak that way, or to think that way or to live that way. Because the Lord. Always. Hears it. And that's why we mustn't even think or feel or desire sinfully in our hearts.

For the Lord hears, our thoughts. He knows our feelings I have had the very sad experience of trying to talk to someone about his soul and to offer them Christ and his righteousness and sacrifice for his soul. Only to have. The person become defensive with me and talking about their sin and say something like, The Lord knows my heart.

I think. Oh, yes, he does. But you don't seem to And so we must remember. That the Lord hears are complaining. And he hates are complaining. You see what he does. The fire of Yahweh burned among them and consumed some in the outskirts of the camp. There's a lot going on there in the second half of verse one.

Do you remember the last time that the fire of the Lord came out from him and consumed? Someone Well, it was in Leviticus chapter 10. Wasn't it with nadab and abahu and and what happened with nadabinabahu? Well, they had been ordained for the priesthood and and they were to come near the Lord.

They were the ones, uh, who especially The Lord had designated to come near him as as from the family of Aaron from the priests, but they had offered worship that they had invented They offered that which God had not commanded. And God said by those who come near me I must be regarded as holy.

And the fire of the Lord, which would burn up the offerings. Instead in this case, Had burnt them up, you see? When we are belong to the Lord, when he is the one who leads us from through life, when he has communicated his presence to us, we must remember that.

It is not only when we come near in the special way of the public worship of God. But that even in our hearts even on our lips all the time, We must conduct ourselves as holy. Indeed, the second thing to point out here, The end of verse 2, as the Uh, where the Lord?

Causes the fire to burn and where he consumes some of them and that is in the outskirts of the camp. Now, this is a great warning to the camp as a whole It's not like they were the only ones complaining, the outskirts of the camp was the part of the camp, where those who were ceremonially unclean were But God is reminding us, he was reminding his people here and he reminds us this evening.

That there is an uncleanness that is infinitely worse than ceremonial uncleanness. Because although the the people on the outside of the camp, they might have They might have touched a dead body or been unclean by a discharge or, or Perhaps they had a leprosy or whatever, it was all of those.

All of those things that we heard about in Leviticus The reason that they were out there was that all of those things had an indication of, or, or indicated, that which comes from man, that which belongs to a creation that is under the curse because of the sin of, man.

But that in reality, all of us are full of sin and uncleanness and therefore we must have those uh, those offerings. Not only the ones that that provided ceremonial cleanness, so that they could participate in the rest of the worship. But especially the offerings, that pointed forward to Christ Christ, our sin offering and trespass offering to cleanse our conscience Christ, Our Ascension offering, so that we can come near to God Christ, Our tribute.

So that bringing him in hand. God, owns us as his own and we own him as our God Christ, our peace, all of those things. But we must have Christ because we have sin. Serve as the burning. Of the Wrath. Of God, we need a mediator. To whom God listens and praise God.

He provided them. A mediator in verse 2. Mediator with a lowercase. Uh well I guess because of the spelling of his name. In English, we have a capital M here. But mediator with a lowercase M. Then the people cried out to Moses. And when Moses prayed to Yahweh, The fire was quenched.

How wonderful is Jesus to whom all the sacrifices pointed forward to whom Moses as prophet and and here performing the Priestly function of praying intercession mediation looks forward. There's a they must have been so grateful for a few seconds. To have Moses among them, who would pray for them and we're going to see it over and over again, even when they sin against him even when they sin against, not just God, but sin sin against Moses specifically that the Lord has Moses pray for them.

And again, they are The, the Lord forgives them and he relents and has Mercy upon them. Dear Christian. Don't, you know that you have Jesus. Praying for you. That. He prays for you now without needing sleep. We heard about it in in the sermon this morning, he always lives to make intercession for us.

And this this Moses was a servant. Who is faithful in all God's house. Lord willing, we'll hear about that next week. It's part of God's answer to Miriam and to Aaron. Don't you realize that Moses isn't like your run-of-the-mill prophet that God doesn't speak to him envisions and riddles.

But uh but face to face is with a friend that God chose him even the a shape or an appearance of his own glory, why are you not afraid to speak against Moses? And but the book of Hebrews takes that very path, very verse Moses is a servant who is faithful in all God's house and uses it to show how Jesus infinitely outclasses him.

Sure, Moses is a servant. Who is faithful in all God's house? But Jesus is the Who is faithful over? All of God's house. And it's the Whom you and I held deserving, Sinners fire deserving, Sinners, wrath deserving, Sinners for our complaining. We have been given the sun as our mediator and he always lives to intercede for us and that's why he's able to save.

To the uttermost. Well, it's a It's not a good start for the nation of Israel, but it immediately gets much worse. And we move on from it Burns to Graves of craving. Um, and notice something that doesn't need social media to occur. Right. We're about 3, 000 years before social media, so you can't blame.

Uh, you can't blame Zuck and you can't blame the internet and all of those things for this, But you see complaining is something that very easily goes viral. The mixed multitude who are among them yield to an intense craving. Uh, you remember this? There was this group that came out with them in Exodus chapter 12 and they were not ethnically Israelite.

Although we know from Exodus chapter 12, God gave a provision by which they could be circumcised and join the, the Covenant Households again. Talked about Covenant baptism circumcision is obviously uh by household but only for the sake of the Passover which was eaten either one household or two together.

In Exodus chapter 12. While the mixed multitude who are among them yield to an intense craving in verse 4. So what happens? While the children of Israel, do the same thing. So the children of Israel wept again and said who will give us meat to eat and it becomes It goes viral in such a way.

The complaining is so contagious that verse 10 describes Moses going through the, through the camp, Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families. Everyone at the door of his tent. And so they go from Covenant households. To complaining households. And an entire complaining people. Oh, dear Christian. Guard your hearts by guarding your ears.

Those who speak in a way of God. That is Unworthy of him. Those who speak ill, who call evil? What God calls good or call good? What God calls evil. Guard your hearts by guarding your ears. Spend little time among such people, shut up, your thoughts, and your heart against them.

Because your flesh, your remaining sin is quick to Grumble against God, to pity yourself for not being able to indulge yourself and have the things of this world to consider having God himself in Christ. And by his spirit and to be able to call the father, your Abba to consider those as small things because of the hardship or lack of Earthly provision.

Or the difficulty that you're going through or the relationship that's broken or the, the sin that someone has committed against you, or whatever it is. Now, there is much in this world. That is difficult. But if you have God himself, Then a complaining. Is not only. In gratitude to God.

It is actually despising him. As not being worth enough to make it up to you. It's like Alcana hearing. Uh, hearing Hannah's grief and saying, Am I not enough to you? Well, the Lord comes and he hears us grieve. Over that which we Grumble about and complain about our hearts.

And the fact of the matter is that when we do that, we're despising God and saying no, He's not. Enough for us. So complaining goes viral. And so we should guard our heart by guarding our ears and we should watch our mouth part of loving. Our brothers, should be speaking continuously, the goodness of God, speaking continuously, his wondrous works, and the most wonderful of all works has giving Christ for us is giving his Spirit to us is giving himself the Triune God, giving himself to us by virtue of our Union with Christ and the indwelling of his holy spirit and let us be quick, then to speak.

Well of our God and what he has done, the great and wondrous work of God and the gospel. And also then all of those. Good works. Good. Kindness is every good gift and every perfect gift. If we can't come up with them, we're not paying attention well enough because the scripture tells us of a certainty that they continuously stream to us,

Across there's never ever any change in God's goodness to us. He never misses anything good or anything gifty. He's a father of Lights to us. It continually comes to us. And we should speak. In such a way that will encourage our brothers and sisters to see this. God, who gave Christ?

And he who did not spare his own son, but gave him up for us all to see. Also along with Christ God freely giving All things. Indeed. The Israel Israelites freely received not only God himself but even Manna It's exactly opposite everything that they said and they're complaining and grumbling is exactly opposite the truth.

And grumbling will do this to you complaining. We'll do this to you. Watch out, dear children. That you complain against, none of your circumstances and especially Not against your parents. Who are good gifts from God? Because a complaining spirit will blind you. You'll become as blind as an Israelite, who says?

We remember the fish which we ate freely in Egypt now it's dubious. It's doubtful whether or not the Egyptians actually gave. Gave them fish to eat. Or Cucumbers, melons leeks, onions and garlic. You know, they didn't roll out the The Royal Buffet for the Israelites every day. But even if they did, the charge was what much worse than if you went to, we don't.

Do that. Not for any moral reason. Well, I guess not spending the Lord's money in a ridiculous way. Is that is a good enough moral reason? Um, but if you got the bill and you said, Your enslavement and the enslavement of your children and your children's children unto Perpetual generations.

You would not say, oh good, the meal's free. Which is what they say in verse 5. You know, just see how blinding. They're corrupt. Their, their craving is and they're complaining is about their craving. Oh, may the Lord spare you from such blindness as comes with complaining and grumbling but even worse.

It's not just that they were blind to how bad things were in Egypt. It's even worse. If they're blind to how good things are with God. You imagine. They say we have nothing except this manner. Accept this manner. Except the Manna that is like coriander seed and its color is like the color of bidelium.

And that actually does fall for free with the do every night. And, You get as much as you want for the day and you don't, you don't even have to You don't even have to save it and put it up for later. There's no canning, there's no drying. When God sends the quail, they actually, they actually make Quail jerky.

That's what it says. That's what it means. When it says they spread it out about the surface of the can the manner was free and the manner was good and it was useful. In other places, it describes it as having the taste of Wafers and honey here, it's described as having the taste of pastry with oil.

Uh, the psalm calls it, the the food of Angels, as it were, it is otherworldly in its goodness. And yet a complaining and grumbling heart does what? That blinds you. That blinds you. And so, Uh, the Lord is going to judge them, but even before the Lord judges them, he has Mercy on his servant.

Remember. In next week's passage, God is going to say that. Moses is the humblest man on Earth and that he's faithful in all his house Moses here has Has not yet sinned against God and in the way that he will later. But God, here teaches Moses a lesson, doesn't he?

Moses asks for help, he asks that if the people aren't going to listen to him, that God would just kill him because That would be. A mercy and God gives him help. But what God does in giving him the help? Is he collects the 70 men? And he gives a portion of the spirit that is on Moses on the 70 men.

But what good does it do? These 70 men, prophesy, how many times? Once. And they never even do it in the camp. The only two guys who prophesy in the camp, are guys who are on the list of Elders and officers, but who weren't among the 70. And so, actually, the way it's worded, Moses has less of the spirit of God on him at the end than he did at the beginning.

But how much of the spirit of the Living God does he actually need? In order to do what's set before him. See, yes, the Lord in his Providence, does use other people to help us. And he he does use give us favor in people's eyes. Remember Joshua. Upset that these other people prophesy and and he's upset on Moses's behalf.

He doesn't think Moses is honored enough and Moses like I would love for everybody to have the spirit and everybody to prophesy. But what we need, most of all, is God himself. Men are not helpful, unless God himself is using those men. People having respect for you and you're having favor in in their eyes doesn't actually accomplish anything.

Unless God, the Holy spirit is blessing it and using it. And so the Lord even takes the the time to teach his servant here, but there is this great flag then. That he brings giving them the quail. A day's worth in every direction. So 20 miles out from the camp.

3 ft deep. The Lord literally buries them in quail. And rather. Than their repent and say. The Lord is God, indeed. We did despise him have mercy on us and do not make us to loathe this Quail. What did they do? They spread it all out. They they sorry.

First they gather Uh, A day and a night, and the next day and it's exhausting, it's not like Gathering Mana in the morning. They go through a 48-hour quail Gathering vigil and then they clean it. They spread it all outside the camp so that they have Quail jerky and then they start eating and they keep eating and eating as much as they can for a month.

They Gorge themselves on, even after God told them, That this was a judgment. They still did it. And when the last of the quail, Was still between the teeth when they hadn't quite finished it off. Then God afflicts them with a great plague. In verse 33 now. Kids, where do you?

Remember God? Afflicting people with a great plague. Was it not Egypt? They wished. For Egypt. And God gave them the Egypt treatment. Oh dear congregation, be careful. Of that

which you crave and desire in your heart, apart from God, or instead of God that you prioritize over him, lest he give us over to that which we want.

May he instead subdue our hearts make us to be content with him and content with whatever Providence he gives us along with himself. Lest us lest he give us the desires of our heart. Rather than conforming our hearts. To his own desires, be content with the Lord. And have confidence in him.

And look to his. To bless to bless you and make your work effective. Let's pray. Our gracious. God in our heavenly father. At the end of A Lord's Day. Uh, we are And we ask that your spirit would then continue to bless to What we have heard from numbers, 11?

But we have heard all day long. Grant to us. Worship corrected, heart and mind of asaph. That we would say whom have we in heaven, but you and there is nothing else, we desire. Besides you our strength, our heart, our flesh, our heart fails. But You O Lord are the strength of our heart and our portion forever grant that it would be.

So by your spirit, which we ask in the name of the son, Your your son? Our Lord. Jesus Christ. Amen.