

COMPLAINING

1. Complaining is the false way to handle a test from the Lord. It shows that the believer is not oriented to what God is trying to do for him at the time.
 - A. Complaining is forbidden, 1 Corinthians 10:10; Philippians 2:14.
2. All complaining is ultimately against God, Proverbs 19:3.
 - A. Neglect of doctrine causes the believer to complain against the Lord, Genesis 3:6-12.
 - B. Jeremiah 7:10 shows that a man with a non-humbled spirit always asks God why He didn't give him the grace to avoid a sin.
 - C. Isaiah 8:21-22, Revelation 16:9-11, the sinner blames God for judging him.
 - D. The Pharisee mocks God with his phony service and then complains that God would not bless it, Malachi 3:14; Isaiah 58:3.
3. Believers complain when God rejects his human good or human works done when he was carnal. Complaining often occurs when God rejects the believer's sinful production or human good. 2 Samuel 6:8
4. Complaining challenges the sovereignty of God, Romans 9:19-20.
5. The complainer challenges Christ in His teachings, Luke 5:30; 15:2; 19:7; John 6:41-43, 52.
6. Complaining against the communicators of God always brings divine discipline on the complainer, Exodus 17:3; Numbers 16:41; Isaiah 54:13-7.
7. Religious arrogance always complains about the liberty of the disciples of Christ. Galatians 5:1; Mark 7:2.
8. Man has no right to complain about anything God does, Lamentations 3:39.
9. Complaining tempts God to use judgment in discipline, Exodus 17:2.
10. Complaining provokes God, Numbers 14:2, 11; Deuteronomy 9:8, 22.

11. Believers are to cease from complaining and stay away from those who do complain, Isaiah 29:23-24.
12. Complaining is always a characteristic of the reversionist:
 - A. The Jews—Jude 16
 - B. Cain—Genesis 4:13-14.
 - C. The Jews—Exodus 14:11.
 - D. Aaron—Numbers 12.
 - E. Koran—Numbers 16.
 - F. The Pharisees—Luke 15:2.
13. Complainers are always punished, Numbers 11:1; 14:27-29; 16:45-46; Psalm 106:25-26.
14. It is wrong to complain over your wages, Matthew 20:11.
15. It is wrong to complain when your father shows someone grace who does not deserve it, Luke 15:29-30. (You want to see your brother get clobbered, but instead he is not disciplined as far as you know.)
16. Great heroes of the Bible also complained and lost out on blessing from God.
 - A. Moses in Exodus 5:22-23.
 - B. Elijah in 1 Kings 19:4.
 - C. Job in Job 3:1.
 - D. Jeremiah in Jeremiah 20:14-18.
 - E. Jonah in Jonah 4:8-9.