

## Numbers 21:5

***And the people spoke against God and against Moses: "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and our soul loathes this worthless bread."***

There is nothing worse than a spoiled, unthankful child who is never thankful for what their parents do for them. It's even worse when they want more and more from their parents, because they are never satisfied. And then there are those parents who cater to their every whim and give in to them. We have all seen it and heard it in the stores and other places.

I am blessed with my two teenage sons who are still at home, and how thankful they are all the time for what we do for them, and give them. I know this because they tell us so. They hardly ever ask us to get them anything and they are pretty much content with what they have. Now don't get me wrong, my teenage boys are far from perfect (just like we are far from perfect) but, they are both thankful.

But every time I read today's verse, all I can think of is those spoiled bratty kids. After all that God had done for them by saving them from slavery in Egypt and providing food for them everyday; which if you ever thought about it, they never had to have a job to provide their food while they were in the Wilderness for forty years. But what do they say about God's provision? "***our soul loathes this worthless bread.***" Wow, calling God's provision, "***Worthless***" I mean how unthankful and unappreciative can you be?

Now, before we try and pull the speck out of the Children of Israel's eye, we need to make sure we don't have a log in our own eye.

How many times have you complained about your job? Didn't God give you that job? Are you now calling God's provision "***worthless***"? Now don't get me wrong; It's ok to want to have the job of your dreams, and the pay of your dreams, but until you get it, we should always be thankful for the job God has given us. Once again, it doesn't mean you can't look for, or apply for another job that you would like better, just once again, be thankful for what God has provided for you.

What about divorce? It happens so much now a day, because people are calling their spouse, that God has given them "***worthless***". A spouse is not like a job where you can look around for a better one and get rid of the one that God has provided for you. And just because you may have married that person before you got saved, does not mean that he or she is still not from God.

Some people are always complaining about their home (apartment, house, room they rent, etc.) calling God's provision of a home "***worthless***". Hmm, would you be happier being homeless? I didn't think so. So maybe it's time to start thanking the Lord for your home and stop complaining about it, because the Lord never will supply something that is ***worthless*** to His children, just like you wouldn't to your children.

Like the Children of Israel, some simply complain about the food that they have, wanting better, and not wanting anymore of those *worthless* rice and beans (manna), “*I want steak and lobster*” they will say. It’s okay to want steak and lobster. It’s when you call what God has provided for you, even if it is rice and beans, not being good enough, is when it becomes sin.

Do you know what the Lord did to the Children of Israel who complained?

† **Numbers 21:6** *So the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and many of the people of Israel died.*

Now, the Lord probably won’t bring poisonous snakes to bite you and your family. But your complaining may be why He’s not providing better things for you right now. I mean, if your kids whine and complain, do you really want to give more or better things to those complaining and whining kids?

† **Psalm 68:7-10 (NLT2)** *O God, when you led your people out from Egypt, when you marched through the dry wasteland, Interlude the earth trembled, and the heavens poured down rain before you, the God of Sinai, before God, the God of Israel. You sent abundant rain, O God, to refresh the weary land. There your people finally settled, and with a bountiful harvest, O God, you provided for your needy people.*