

Numbers Chapter 11 Commentary

1 And when the people complained, it displeased the LORD: and the LORD heard it; and his anger was kindled; and the fire of the LORD burnt among them, and consumed them that were in the uttermost parts of the camp.

We see here; this is a people who have already been disobedient. They did not enter the promised rest as they were commanded, and so they are on a wilderness journey, which God promised to be the death of those who refused to do his will.

Notice; the scripture doesn't say; someone went and told the Lord of the people complaining. Surely, this tells us that God indeed knows the very intents of the heart as he said in: **Heb 4:9-13; 9 "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. 10 For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his. 11 Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief. 12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. 13 Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do."** This is a demonstration of the omnipresence of God.

We see that the judgment of God has severe consequences; as we see the consuming fire of God killing them for complaining and for their unbelief. This is a great warning to us to not complain.

2 And the people cried unto Moses; and when Moses prayed unto the LORD, the fire was quenched.

Again, we see the people crying for help to their mediator, in this case Moses, to intercede on their behalf. This is a picture of us today crying out to our mediator, Jesus Christ, to intercede for us and to save us from eternal damnation.

We see that the intercessory prayer of Moses was effective. This is an evidence to us, that we can trust fully in the finished work of Christ, who has interceded on the cross for all that the Father gave unto him, as seen in: **Joh 17:6-23; 6 "I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word. 7 Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee. 8 For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me. 9 I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. 10 And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them. 11 And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are. 12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled. 13 And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves. 14 I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. 15 I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. 16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. 17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. 18 As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. 19 And**

for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. 20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; 21 That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. 22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: 23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me."

We see the eternal perspective of this prayer in:

- ***Joh 17:24 "Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world."*** By the finished work of Christ, and his intercessory prayer on our behalf, we will be in the eternal heaven with him.
- ***Joh 10:28 "And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand."*** The manifest power of God is our security in Christ Jesus.
- ***Joh 17:2 "As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him."*** We are reminded in these texts; there is one source of salvation and eternal life.

3 And he called the name of the place Taberah: because the fire of the LORD burnt among them.

Taberah by definition means; *to kindle, consume (by fire or by eating)*. We see, as a consequence of complaining against God, God sent the consuming fire and destroyed the complainers. Therefore, Moses named this spot "***the burning of the Lord***" to remind the people of the fierce anger of God toward the disobedient.

We also see another eternal perspective; when we think about the consuming fire. The work and prayers of Jesus Christ, on behalf of all God's people, will keep them from the eternal lake of fire, into which satan, and all his followers, are cast into at the end of time and the final judgment.

- ***Re 19:20 "And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone."*** As we consider this text; we see; in the resurrection, both the saved, and the lost, will be made alive forever. As is here pointed out; the unsaved are cast "***alive***" into the lake of fire.
- ***Re 20:10 "And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever."*** We notice in this text; you don't just get thrown in and burn up and that is the end of things. Rather, you are cast in and then you burn forever and ever, there is no end to this eternal punishment.
- ***Re 20:14 "And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."*** These different texts give us the true perspective; satan, and all his followers, will be in that eternal place of torment.

4 And the mixt multitude that was among them fell a lusting: and the children of Israel also wept again, and said, Who shall give us flesh to eat?

Remember; when Israel departed from Egypt, there was a mixture of people who went with them that were not Israelites. They were people of other nationalities and races, a mixed multitude. The text says the mixed multitude went to lusting, and so they, Israel, did too. This is one of the reasons that God told Israel to be a separate people. In this case, the mixed multitude led the children of Israel to complain, lust, and murmur before God. The same principles and reasons apply to us as Christians today. Think about these references:

- **1Ki 8:53** *"For thou didst separate them from among all the people of the earth, to be thine inheritance, as thou spakest by the hand of Moses thy servant, when thou broughtest our fathers out of Egypt, O Lord GOD."* We see in this text; it was God who separated them to himself to start with. The same is true today in the Church of Salvation by Grace, established by the Lord Jesus Christ. God has chosen and separated to Jesus Christ a separate people.
- **Ezr 10:11** *"Now therefore make confession unto the LORD God of your fathers, and do his pleasure: and separate yourselves from the people of the land, and from the strange wives."* In this text; Israel is commanded to clean up their act and be the separate people that God had commanded them to be; that God might once more pour out his blessing upon them.

This is a lesson for us today in the organized church. We are to be separate from the world of sinfulness around us. We should not welcome, into the fellowship of the church, any that are not believers in Jesus Christ and his finished work of salvation. The church cannot incorporate worldly means and methods to gain more members, or it will become infected with ungodliness as Israel was.

It is not works, and worldly means and methods, which make a child of grace. The making of a child of grace is by being born again, the invasion of the Holy Spirit of God into the heart and soul, and the driving out of sin through the atonement obtained by Christ, so that we are now ready to do the work of the Lord, and walk in faithfulness before him, without murmuring or complaining, lest we too be consumed by the fire of God's wrath.

5 We remember the fish, which we did eat in Egypt freely; the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlic: 6 But now our soul is dried away: there is nothing at all, beside this manna, before our eyes.

Oh, the treachery of satan and his demonic forces. Remember in the Garden of Eden, how he tempted Eve and Adam, to lust to eat the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil? The same principle is at work here. The mixed multitude has stirred up Israel to lust after that which they remember that they enjoyed, forgetting they were in the bondage of captivity when they had those things.

This same principle is still an active ploy of satan in the lives of God's people today. That is why there is that warfare between the flesh and the born again spirit and soul, of the Christian. Satan, through the lust of the flesh, will always be tempting you to murmur and complain, remembering and lusting for the joys of the lust of the flesh and the fleshly pleasures you enjoyed, before being born again and delivered from the bondage of sin. Forgetting that you enjoyed those things while under the condemnation of death and eternal damnation, and that retuning thereto will bring the consuming fire of God's wrath down upon you.

Oh God, of heaven and earth, please help us to keep our eyes focused upon you, and your desire of eternal life for us. Let us never tire of, and always desire to eat of the true bread of life, the manna from heaven, and never lose the joy of our salvation here in time.

7 And the manna was as coriander seed, and the colour thereof as the colour of bdellium.

Coriander has the definition of; *to crowd, also to gash (as if by pressing into), to assemble (selves by troops), gather (selves together, self in troops).*

Bdellium has the definition from the primitive root word; *to divide (in variation senses literally or figuratively, separate, distinguish, differ, select, etc.*

As we think about the definitions here given, we begin to see a picture of Israel and their source of food; and comparatively, the Church of Salvation by Grace and its source of food.

Israel is the called together, body of people chosen to bear God's name on the earth. They, by the hand of God's deliverance, have been divided from the surrounding peoples and nations and are distinguished as the people of The LORD.

Their food is this manna, which is called bread from heaven. This bread from heaven is suited to fill every need of this people of God, to sustain their life on their journey through time. Notice in particular, this food does not rain down on the entire world, only on God's chosen people.

Comparatively, the church is that body of believers, chosen and called together by the hand of God working through the Holy Spirit, and they are sustained, in time, by the bread of life, Jesus Christ and the word of God.

This bread of life is not given to the world at large for their sustenance, but unto God's chosen people. That is why today, the preaching of the gospel, bread rained down from heaven for God's people to eat, is of no value to the world. Likewise, if we lose sight of the value thereof, we will find ourselves doing like Israel, and we will be complaining and murmuring against God.

8 And the people went about, and gathered it, and ground it in mills, or beat it in a mortar, and baked it in pans, and made cakes of it: and the taste of it was as the taste of fresh oil. 9 And when the dew fell upon the camp in the night, the manna fell upon it.

Do not miss the picture here: Notice, God furnished the manna; but the people had to gather, grind, beat, bake, and make, this manna into cakes to be eaten. Once this was accomplished the taste was as of fresh oil.

One picture we see from this is a prophesy of the coming of Christ incarnate. God the Father furnished the incarnate Jesus whose body was bruised, beaten, torn, and bled, and treated most vilely by the crucifiers. Why? Because of our sins. Every action of the crucifiers was because of our sins. Every sin we commit was laid upon him, and he bore that awful penalty for them all. Because He did that, and accomplished the Father's will, we today have the bread of life to eat.

Today, we, God's people, have the word of God, in written form, the bible from which we must be busy working to glean from it this bread of life. As we read and study God's word of truth, it takes shape and is formed into that bread of life, so that we see, eat, and taste, the bread of life, the body of the Lord Jesus Christ. This is also manifested in pictorial form through the preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ. We hear the preaching of the gospel, take the revelations of the Holy Spirit, and use them in our life as shields of defense against the tempter. Again, notice, to hear the preaching of the gospel there is the requirement of some work on the recipient's end. They must call a minister to themselves, or put forth the effort to go out and gather, go to church to gather this manna.

This then is the "**hope of eternal life**" and we should never tire of its sweetness. It should be to us as fresh oil, and the continual supply of the bread of life.

Notice that this bread fell every day, and the need to work was renewed each day. This is a reminder, to be into God's word of truth each day, that we may be found always in good health.

10 Then Moses heard the people weep throughout their families, every man in the door of his tent: and the anger of the LORD was kindled greatly; Moses also was displeased.

Notice that Moses heard the whining and crying, and the Lord also knew of it, and the reaction of each was different. Moses sight was distracted from God by the complaining of Israel and he began to despair. God's judicial wrath was kindled, yet he continues to deal with Moses with kindness and compassion and gentle rebukes.

11 And Moses said unto the LORD, Wherefore hast thou afflicted thy servant? and wherefore have I not found favour in thy sight, that thou layest the burden of all this people upon me? 12 Have I conceived all this people? have I begotten them, that thou shouldest say unto me, Carry them in thy bosom, as a nursing father beareth the sucking child, unto the land which thou swarest unto their fathers?

Here; we see a picture, for us today, of the minister of the gospel being tempted of satan. Moses here is tempted, and begins to yield to despair and doubt of God's sufficiency and power of provision. Moses' complaint to God is; you are afflicting me. However, we know that every trial that comes in our lives is for our own good, and God's glory, as God manifests his delivering power.

Moses says this burden is too great for me to bear. We today have the message from God in: ***Mt 11:28 "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."*** Of course, if we focus on earthly complaints, as Moses is right now, our burden will be too heavy to bear also.

Moses says; these are not my children they are yours, and they want me to give them meat that I do not have. The minister today, when he has a congregation that is looking back at what was worldly pleasures and desiring to eat thereof, he will soon be tempted to do just exactly, what we see Moses doing now.

When the people come to the minister and he hears such things as, (you preach to loud, you don't preach loud enough, you preach to long, we don't like to hear about God's wrath and judgment, we

don't like Old Testament scripture, we want you to preach to us all the good and easy things, and tell us how sweet and nice we are, tell us those things that make us self-sufficient and bring glory to our flesh, because we have itching ears, and give us that which we want and not "**thus saith the Lord**" and he takes his focus off of God, he too will despair as Moses did.

Before we get to hard on Moses, for his failure to keep his focus, there is another picture that we need to see. Remember when Jesus went to the Mount of Olives to pray and what did he pray? **Lu 22:42 "Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done."** The difference in the complaint of Moses and that of Jesus is; Jesus was bearing that cup, for a people that God the Father had given him, and they were his children. So let's not throw any stones at Moses, lest we drop them on our own feet. It is easy in the times of difficulty to lose our focus on God.

13 Whence should I have flesh to give unto all this people? for they weep unto me, saying, Give us flesh, that we may eat.

See here, the picture of the minister of the gospel overwhelmed by the complaining congregations, because they no longer want the bread of life, Jesus Christ.

14 I am not able to bear all this people alone, because it is too heavy for me. 15 And if thou deal thus with me, kill me, I pray thee, out of hand, if I have found favour in thy sight; and let me not see my wretchedness.

See the picture of; the overwhelmed minister crying out to God for relief. These people are too heavy for me, and I cannot bear them about. Please take me from this ministry, and call me home, to be with you where all is peace and love. Don't leave me here to see how inadequate I am in myself.

16 And the LORD said unto Moses, Gather unto me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom thou knowest to be the elders of the people, and officers over them; and bring them unto the tabernacle of the congregation, that they may stand there with thee. 17 And I will come down and talk with thee there: and I will take of the spirit which is upon thee, and will put it upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with thee, that thou bear it not thyself alone.

Here, we see the picture of God dealing with Moses with great kindness and compassion. We have here; a picture of God giving, to the office of ministers, the office of deaconry, to assist them in tending to the needs of the people in the organization of the body of believers. This example is carried out again in New Testament scripture in: **Ac 6:1-6; 1 "And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration. 2 Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables. 3 Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. 4 But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word. 5 And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch: 6 Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them."**

18 And say thou unto the people, Sanctify yourselves against tomorrow, and ye shall eat flesh: for ye have wept in the ears of the LORD, saying, Who shall give us flesh to eat? for it was well with us in Egypt: therefore the LORD will give you flesh, and ye shall eat. 19 Ye shall not eat one day, nor two days, nor five days, neither ten days, nor twenty days; 20 But even a whole month, until it come out at your nostrils, and it be loathsome unto you: because that ye have despised the LORD which is among you, and have wept before him, saying, Why came we forth out of Egypt?

God tells Israel; because you have listened to the mixed multitude and have lusted after the former things from which I have separated you, and complained, and are not satisfied with my provision for you, I will give you your desire. I will give you flesh in abundance, and in such abundance that you shall come to abhor it with all your being.

Notice the reason that God is giving them their lustful desire: ***"because that ye have despised the LORD which is among you, and have wept before him, saying, Why came we forth out of Egypt?" "because that ye have despised the LORD"***. Do you realize that when you are not satisfied with the joy of your salvation, with the preaching of the gospel, when you are looking back on your former walks and desiring to turn again unto them, that you are despising God and your Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. We are reminded of the scripture in: ***2Ti 4:3-4; 3 "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; 4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables."***

Look at the world at large today and see if you see this picture: The world at large has rejected God, and Christ, and God's word of truth, the bible, and God in turn has given them flesh to eat. They shall eat flesh until time shall end, and the final judgment is completed. Every person who has rejected God, Christ, and his word of truth, is given over to a reprobate mind as seen in:

- ***Ro 1:28-32; 28 "And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; 29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, 30 Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, 31 Without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: 32 Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them."***
- ***2Ti 3:8 "Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith."***
- ***Tit 1:16 "They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate."***

Truly, these scriptures are a definite warning to us to keep our focus on God and not our personal wants. If a born again sinner becomes reprobate and turns back to their former life, God will give them flesh to eat until they understand that it will be their death and carry them to eternal damnation.

21 And Moses said, The people, among whom I am, are six hundred thousand footmen; and thou hast said, I will give them flesh, that they may eat a whole month. 22 Shall the flocks and the herds be slain for them, to suffice them? or shall all the fish of the sea be gathered together for them, to suffice them? 23 And the LORD said unto Moses, Is the LORD'S hand waxed short? thou shalt see now whether my word shall come to pass unto thee or not.

In these verses; we see Moses forgetting the power and strength of God Almighty, and giving in to doubt. God reminds Moses, I am God Almighty, you just sit back and watch the Lord work and you will be brought to remembrance of who I am. Think about this; aside from all the other miracles Moses and this people have seen performed, you would think that they would remember the miracle they are seeing every day which is: God is raining down from heaven every day enough manna to feed this great multitude of people.

A reminder to us of how easy it is to lose our focus, and how quickly we forget the manifest mercies of God in our lives. However, our forgetting does not shorten the Lord's arm, nor abate his strength. He is still God Almighty, and at times like these, we need to "***stand still and see the salvation of the Lord***" as seen in:

- ***Ex 14:13 "And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you today: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen today, ye shall see them again no more forever."***
- ***2Ch 20:17 "Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the LORD with you, O Judah and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed; tomorrow go out against them: for the LORD will be with you."***

Both of these texts remind us; Jesus Christ has already completed the work of eternal salvation. We should remember, every day, what Christ has already accomplished for us. We should remember, every day, the power we have to fight against principalities, powers, and spiritual wickedness in high places, is from our Saviour and Lord. It is Christ in us that empowers the Christian to walk faithfully before the Lord.

24 And Moses went out, and told the people the words of the LORD, and gathered the seventy men of the elders of the people, and set them round about the tabernacle. 25 And the LORD came down in a cloud, and spake unto him, and took of the spirit that was upon him, and gave it unto the seventy elders: and it came to pass, that, when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied, and did not cease.

We see here the hierarchal order of the church established by God; and we see the same power of God, which was upon Moses, being placed upon the helpers, in a smaller portion than upon Moses. This is a picture of Jesus, the divine power of God, anointing the ministers of the gospel (to a lesser degree than his own anointing) and the deaconship (to a lesser degree than the anointing of the ministers) of the organized church on earth in time as seen in:

- ***1Co 12:28 "And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues."***
- ***Eph 4:11 "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;"***

Notice that God took of the spirit that was upon Moses and put it upon these assistants. Thus we see in the New Testament in:

- ***1Co 12:4 "Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit."***

- **1Co 12:8-9; 8 "For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; 9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;"**

In this picture, of God taking from Moses to give to the 70, we see Christ Jesus sending the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, upon God's people and apportioning it to the ministers, the deacons, singers, and all the rest of God's people, who are saved by grace, as seen in New Testament scripture in:

- **Ro 12:3 "For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith."**
- **Eph 4:7 "But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ."**

26 But there remained two of the men in the camp, the name of the one was Eldad, and the name of the other Medad: and the spirit rested upon them; and they were of them that were written, but went not out unto the tabernacle: and they prophesied in the camp. 27 And there ran a young man, and told Moses, and said, Eldad and Medad do prophesy in the camp. 28 And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of Moses, one of his young men, answered and said, My lord Moses, forbid them. 29 And Moses said unto him, Enviest thou for my sake? would God that all the LORD'S people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit upon them!

We see that there were two of the named ones to be anointed, who did not show up in the right place as commanded. Why we don't know, but we do know that God anointed them also, even as if they were present. They prophesied like the others did that showed up. As I think about this I remember the scripture in: **Lu 9:49 "And John answered and said, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name; and we forbid him, because he followeth not with us. 50 And Jesus said unto him, Forbid him not: for he that is not against us is for us."**

We see the desire of Moses in saying he wished all of God's people were prophets. We see this in another perspective today as we look at New Testament Scripture:

- **Re 1:4-6; 4 "John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne; 5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, 6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen."** We see here that God's saved people are kings and priest.
- **Re 5:6-10; 6 "And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth. 7 And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne. 8 And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints. 9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue,**

and people, and nation; 10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth." Again, God's saved people are kings and priest.

Thus, we see that the chosen of God are today both priest and kings to God. We manifest this to one another, and to the world around us, by living the life and serving God in humble obedience here in time. You see; every step you take, every word you say, every act you do, these actions are all preaching to those around you.

30 And Moses gat him into the camp, he and the elders of Israel. 31 And there went forth a wind from the LORD, and brought quails from the sea, and let them fall by the camp, as it were a day's journey on this side, and as it were a day's journey on the other side, round about the camp, and as it were two cubits high upon the face of the earth.

God, once again, displayed his power by furnishing the meat he told Moses he would furnish. Israel now has another miracle of the mighty power of Almighty God.

32 And the people stood up all that day, and all that night, and all the next day, and they gathered the quails: he that gathered least gathered ten homers: and they spread them all abroad for themselves round about the camp. 33 And while the flesh was yet between their teeth, ere it was chewed, the wrath of the LORD was kindled against the people, and the LORD smote the people with a very great plague. 34 And he called the name of that place Kibrothhattaavah: because there they buried the people that lusted. 35 And the people journeyed from Kibrothhattaavah unto Hazeroth; and abode at Hazeroth.

Again, we see the judicial hand of God at work in the slaying of the people that lusted. We know this from the next verse. "***because there they buried the people that lusted.***" What a great warning for us today in time. How diligent we should be in our study of the word of God, and in seeking to find the bread of life therein; not being led away by the temptations of lust, that satan uses to cause God's people to lose the "joy of their salvation".

So often in scripture; we see that God's wrath is a sentence of death; as displayed here in the death of those who lusted.

Dear God, our Heavenly Father, help us to keep our hearts and minds focused upon thee, and our Saviour and Lord Jesus Christ, that we fall not into thy judicial judgment without mercy and grace. Keep us, Lord, as Jesus says we are in: ***Joh 10:27-30; 27 "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: 28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. 29 My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. 30 I and my Father are one."*** Dear Lord, let us hold fast to this thine assurance to us in Jesus Christ, Amen!

Praise ye the Lord! Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord!