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Shabbat Message

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[Numbers 8:1-12:16](#)

My Way or Yah's Way

The Mixed Multitude

Introduction

This week it is an appropriate Torah portion where we see the Israelite camp and its journey throughout the wilderness. We see that Yehovah went before the Israelites and did battle for

them and led them in the direction they were to go. We see that in order for Moshe to continue in His leadership He kind of tells Yehovah that He is overwhelmed with the task of leading the people so Yehovah took the seventy elders that Moshe appointed and had them approach him and that is when He put the Ruach in them and they started to prophesy. The same Ruach HaKodesh is in us also leading us and giving us the direction we are supposed to go if we will listen to Him.

The Grumbling Israelites

Numbers 11:1-3

1. In this section, the Israelites complain about their conditions leading to the burning of the edges of the camp. (Numbers 11:1).
2. This act echoes earlier instances of the Israelites' grumbling against Elohim's provisions as seen in Exodus 16:2-3.
3. This further highlights the recurrent issue of their disobedience and ungratefulness.

The Lusting Multitude

Numbers 11:4-6

1. The mixed multitudes amongst the Israelites longed for meat, disputing Elohim's provision of Manna alone. (Numbers 11:4-6).

2. This craving can be likened to Eve's desire for the forbidden fruit in Genesis 3:6.
3. This demonstrates the human struggle with discontentment and the dangers of covetousness. (Exodus 20:17).

Moses' Despair

Numbers 10:11-15

1. Overwhelmed by the people's complaints, Moses feels burdened and pleads for Elohim's intervention and death. (Numbers 11:11-15).
2. This parallels Elijah's cry to Elohim in 1 Kings 19:4.
3. This illuminates the struggle even the strongest servants of Elohim may experience under stressful circumstances.

Elohim's Response and Provision

Numbers 11:16-23

1. Elohim responds by instructing Moses to gather seventy elders to share his burdens and promises meat for the people.
2. This shows how Yehovah deals with His people as He loves His people and He also disciplines His people.
3. The divine response can be compared with Elohim's provision of help to Adam. (Genesis

2:18).

The Quails and the Plague

Numbers 11:31-34

1. Yehovah grants the Israelites' request for meat but swiftly follows it up with a plague and punishment for their greed.
2. This scene resonates with judgment in 2 Samuel 24:15.
3. This also shows divine justice and punishment for disobedience.

Take Away

1. Overall, Numbers 11 reveals valuable lessons on gratitude, contentment, and reliance on God's provision.
2. The Israelites' complaints, Moses' despair, and God's divine response, along with the punishment that follows, expose the consequences of human greed and disobedience.
3. The text invites us to value God's provisions and grow in faith without murmuring or showing a lack of faith. In the end, the narrative from Numbers 11 offers a stark reminder of God's infinite grace and stern justice, echoing throughout the scriptures.

Application

1. We should not follow the mixed multitude into complaining about not having things our lives.
2. I will not covet what Yehovah has not given me access to.
3. Don't let the outer edges of your camp be burnt because you wanted more of what you can't have.

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