

LESSONS FROM NUMBERS

Lesson #1 -The Lord Sends Quail
Scripture Reading: Numbers 11:4-9

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Introduction:

1. Earthly fathers want to give good gifts to their children -Mt 7:7-11
2. We must be grateful for the blessings God has given unto us.

I. GRATITUDE KEEPS US FROM COMPLAINING

A. EXAMPLE OF ISRAEL

1. There was a mixed multitude (Israel and some from Egypt -Ex 12:38)
2. They remembered the food from Egypt -vs. 5
3. They loathed the manna -vs. 6
4. They should have been grateful for escaping Egyptian bondage

B. PEOPLE TODAY

1. People can always find discontentment.
2. Gratitude for all the Lord has done helps us overcome complaining
3. E.g. Paul -Ph 4:10-13

II. GRATITUDE KEEPS US TRUSTING

A. EXAMPLE OF ISRAEL

1. Moses' discouragement
 - a. "Where am I to get meat..." -vs. 13
 - b. Even after the Lord promised meat, Moses was discouraged -vs. 21, 22
2. The hand of the Lord is not shortened -vs. 23

B. PEOPLE TODAY

1. There are certainly some responsibilities that fall upon man
 - a. Paul worked for his bread -2Th 3:7, 8
 - b. Those who do not work should not eat -2Th 3:10; cf. Pr 16:26
2. There are many things that are out of our hands
 - a. Sickness of a loved one -Ph 2:25-30
 - b. Global politics -1Ti 2:1-3; Ro 13:1-ff
3. We trust in God by thinking of all the blessing He has done so far.

III. GRATITUDE KEEPS US FROM GREED

A. EXAMPLE OF ISRAEL

1. God sent an abundance of quail to the Israelites.
2. They gathered them all night and all day.
3. The Lord struck against them because they gave into the craving.

B. PEOPLE TODAY

1. We continue to trust that God always takes care of us
 - a. God cares for us -1Pe 5:7
 - b. We seek His kingdom first -Mt 6:33
2. Godliness with contentment -1Ti 6:6-10
 - a. We can be content with food and clothing.
 - b. Those who seek great riches pierce themselves through with great sorrow.

Conclusion:

1. God loves and cares about each of us.
2. He knows our needs before we even ask -Mt 6:8
3. When our hearts are filled with gratitude, we will not complain, we will not lose faith, and we will not be overcome by greed.