

Complaining and Testing

Psalm 95:7-11 *For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, the sheep under His care. Today, if you hear His voice, 8do not harden your hearts as you did at Meribah, in the day at Massah in the wilderness, 9where your fathers tested and tried Me, though they had seen My work. 10For forty years I was angry with that generation, and I said, "They are a people whose hearts go astray, and they have not known My ways." 11So I swore on oath in My anger, "They shall never enter My rest."*

Meribah - quarreling, _____, complaining; **Massah** - tempting; _____

A _____ thought that is allowed to overstay, leads to grumbling and complaining.

Philippians 2:14 *Do everything without complaining or arguing.*

Addressing a problem is not a sin when it looks for a _____ or help.

Acts 6:1 *In those days when the disciples were increasing in number, the Grecian Jews among them began to grumble against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food.*

Complaining always seems _____.

When we are in a difficult place our _____ is exposed by what we say and what we do.

Exodus 16:2-4 *And there in the desert the whole congregation of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron. 3 "If only we had died by the LORD's hand in the land of Egypt!" they said. "There we sat by pots of meat and ate our fill of bread, but you have brought us into this desert to starve this whole assembly to death!" 4 Then the LORD/Yahweh said to Moses, "Behold, I will rain down bread from heaven for you. Each day the people are to go out and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test whether or not they will follow My instructions.*

Complaining distorts your _____ of reality.

Exodus 16:7 *In the morning you will see the LORD's glory, because He has heard your grumbling against Him.*

Seeing the Lord's glory is an opportunity to recalibrate your _____.

Exodus 17:1-8 *Then the whole congregation of Israel left the Desert of Sin, moving from place to place as the LORD/Yahweh commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. 2 So the people contended with Moses, "Give us water to drink." "Why do you contend with me?" Moses replied. "Why do you test the LORD/Yahweh?" 3 But the people thirsted for water there, and they grumbled against Moses: "Why have you brought us out of Egypt—to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?" 4 Then Moses cried out to the LORD/Yahweh, "What should I do with these people? A little more and they will stone me!" 5 And the LORD/Yahweh said to Moses, "Walk on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you. Take along in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. 6 Behold, I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. And when you strike the rock, water will come out of it for the people to drink." So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. 7 He named the place Massah*

and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled, and because they tested the LORD/Yahweh, saying, "Is the LORD/Yahweh among us or not?" 8After this, the Amalekites came and attacked the Israelites at Rephidim.

Grumbling is an expression of _____ and unbelief and leaves you vulnerable to the enemy.

Fear will always attract and gather whatever information is needed to _____ its existence.

Psalm 78:18-22 They willfully tested God by demanding the food they craved. 19They spoke against God, saying, "Can God really prepare a table in the wilderness? When He struck the rock, water gushed out and torrents raged. But can He also give bread or supply His people with meat?" 21Therefore the LORD/Yahweh heard... and His anger flared against Israel...22because they did not believe God or rely on His salvation.

We tempt or _____ the Lord by putting a cap on His capabilities, doubting He will do what He promises.

Testing God is _____ His presence in the midst of our struggle

When Yahweh shows you His glory, the only logical response is to _____.

John 4:23 But a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for the Father is seeking such as these to worship Him.

Psalm 95:8-9 Do not harden your hearts as you did at Meribah, in the day at Massah in the wilderness, 9where your fathers tested and tried Me, though they had seen My work.

Complaining and testing are the _____ in which a hard heart grows.

Psalm 22:3 God inhabits the praises of His people. (Dwells, enthroned)

Complaining is to _____ what worship is to God.

Proverbs 18:21 Life and death are in the power of the tongue...

Psalm 19:14 May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in Your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

Psalm 91:2 I will say to the LORD, "You are my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."