

INTRODUCTION: GRUMBLING AGAINST THE BREAD FROM HEAVEN

(25?; 41,43; 61; see 31f with Ex.15-17; Num.11,14-17; Ps.106:25)

I. GRUMBLING IN JOHN 6

A. ONOMATOPOEIA: MEANING IN THE SOUND OF THE WORD (e.g., *buzz, sizzle*;
“gogGUDzw”: *gargle, grumble, growl; murmur, mutter*)

B. SECRET, QUIET, UNARTICULATED SOUNDS (“under breath”; yet see 6:61; 2:25; 1Kngs.8:39)

1. depth of throat (*gargle, grumble, growl*)
2. edge of lips (*murmur, mutter*)

C. CAUSE: DISSATISFACTION, OFFENCE; UNBELIEF (25?; 30; 41,43; 60,61; 64)

D. SUBSTANCE: COMPLAINT, CRITICISM (42; 52; 60f; see Jude 1:16)

E. EFFECT: STUMBLE; APOSTACIZE/BETRAY (60,61; 66; 71; see Mk.4:18f; 1Jn.2:16)

II. GRUMBLING IN THE BIBLE

A. MOSES IN THE EXODUS: KINDNESS (Ex.15:22-17:7; see Ps.105:40,41; see Rom.11:22)

1. waters of Marah: bittersweetened (Ex.15:24; 22-27)
2. wilderness of Sin: hungermanna & quail (Ex.16:7-9,12; 2-21)
3. waters of Massah-Meribah: rockwater (Ex.17:2,3; 1-7; see Ps.78:15; 81:7; 95:8; 106:32)

B. MOSES IN THE WILDERNESS: SEVERITY (Num.11; 14-17; see 10:11; see Rom.11:22)

1. greed & ingratitude (11:1,4(34),5f; 20f; 30; see Ps.78:29-31; 106:15; see Jn.6:26,30; Col.3:5)
2. plan to return to Egypt (14:2; 3,4; 11; 27,29; 36; Dt.1:27; Ps.106:25 |Jn.6:64,66/Lk.5:28; Acts 7:39 |2Pt.2:22)
3. Korah’s rebellion (16:3f, 11(Ex.16:7); 28-35; 41f; 17:5f,10; see Num.16:3 with Jn.6:41f)

C. EXAMPLES FOR US (1Cor.10:6, 1f)

1. baptized into Moses (2; *baptized into Christ*, Rom.6:3,4)
2. ate spiritual food & drank spiritual drink (3,4; 16 (11:24f); see Jn.6:54,40; 63)
3. grumbled and were destroyed (10; 8-10; II,A,B; see Jn.6:66,53; Heb.10:39)
4. do not grumble against the Lord (11f; 10,6f; see Jn.6:25f,41,61,64,66,71)
5. do not grumble against one another (Mt.22:37f; Num.6:11; Jn.6:52 Jms.5:9; 1Pet.4:9; Jude 1:17)

III. REPENT OF THE DEADLY SIN OF GRUMBLING!

A. ALL GRUMBLING IS ULTIMATELY AGAINST GOD (Ex.16:7,8; Num.14:27; 16:11; Jn.6:41,61; 71)

B. GRUMBLING IS A SIN THAT LEADS TO DEATH (Num.14:29; 16:11f,31f; 17:5,12f |Jn.6:60,61,66,68; 53)

C. PREEMPT GRUMBLING BY BELIEVING, KNOWING & CONFESSING JESUS AS SON OF GOD & SAVIOR OF MAN (68,69; 53,54; see 11,12; 55; see 1Cor.10:1-16; see 1Tm.6:6f)

D. LOOK TO THE FATHER FOR LIFE IN CHRIST, BY THE SPIRIT THROUGH FAITH WITH THE MEANS OF GRACE (32,33,44,65 / 35-58 / 63a / 63b,68 & 53,54,40 (1C10:16; 11:24f) /Acts 2:42)

Brethren, what shall WE DO? (see Acts 2:37f)