

THE LIFE OF MOSES

Lesson 10

Rebellion and Complaining

I. Murmuring from the People (Numbers 11:1-35)

1. Why did the Lord send fire to the outskirts of the camp? (11:1-3)

How was the fire stopped?

2. What had the people been eating in the wilderness? (11:7-9)

What were they longing for instead? (11:4-6)

How widespread was the complaining? (11:4, 10a)

3. How did Moses (and the Lord) feel about these complaints? (11:10)

4. Based on his “venting” to the Lord, describe how “fed up” Moses was at this point, dealing with these people. (11:11-15)

5. First, what does the Lord provide to ease Moses’ burden? (11:16-17)

6. Second, what will the Lord provide for the people? (11:18-20)

Was this to be a blessing or a punishment?

7. Third, what else did the Lord send to the people? (11:33-35)

8. In his exasperation, what does Moses question? (11:21-23)

How did the Lord make the provision? (11:31-32)

9. Eldad and Medad were two elders who did not come out to the tent of meeting, yet received the Spirit anyway. What did they begin to do in the camp? (11:24-27)

What did Joshua propose? (11:28)

What can we learn about Moses from his response? (11:29-30)

II. **Murmuring from Miriam and Aaron (Numbers 12:1-16)**

1. What was the “public” complaint about Moses that came from his sister Miriam, and his brother Aaron? (12:1)
2. What “private” motive did this pair seem to have in complaining? (12:2)
3. Does Moses himself react to their complaint? (see 12:3)
4. The Lord calls the trio together at the tent of meeting. What does explain to them about the uniqueness of his relationship with Moses? (12:4-8)
5. What punishment did the Lord send upon Miriam? (12:9-12)
6. What can we learn about Moses from his response? (12:13-16)

III. **Korah’s Rebellion (Numbers 16-17)**

1. What was the nature of the complaints of Korah and his followers? (16:2, 8-11, 12-14)
2. To whom did Moses turn to settle these complaints? (16:4-5)
3. What were Korah and his followers to bring to the tent of meeting? (16:16-19)
4. When the Lord was ready to consume the congregation, what do Moses and Aaron do on the people’s behalf? (16:20-24)
5. How did the Lord show his decision in this matter? (16:28-35)
6. What was to be done with the censers that had been used, and why? (16:36-40)
7. Yet, what did the people do against Moses and Aaron the very next day? (16:41)

What did Moses have to do yet again on their behalf? (16:42-50)
8. How did Aaron’s rod that budded demonstrate God’s choosing of him? (17)