

“GOD WAS NOT WELL PLEASED”

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One of the ways we can learn in life is by the mistakes of others. According to Romans 15:4 and 1 Corinthians 10: 11, one of the purposes of the Old Testament was written for us to learn from the past. Israel sinned-God punished her. What displeased Him?

"Lusted after evil things." In Numbers 11:4-6,33,34, Israel wanted meat for food after tiring of the manna. The church in Corinth also lusted after idolatry, meats, and immorality. This is still a struggle for man today. "For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. "{Galatians 5:17} Children of God must develop the strength to just say NO to keep our minds and thoughts pure.

"Neither Be Ye Idolaters." In Exodus 32, the children of Israel made a golden calf. The Corinthians faced the problem of pagan idol worship all around them. God's people today must remember that God must never be placed behind anyone or anything in our lives. If he does not have first place-He has no place! God has given us every blessing in life and nothing is more important in our lives. Period!

"Neither Let Us Murmur." Israel was constantly murmuring against God and Moses. Food, water, lack of leadership, you name it. Just read Numbers 11-14. The Corinthians were grumbling about Paul's letter of the things they needed to clean up. God's people have always had a problem in the realm of complaining and grumbling.

"Be hospitable to one another without grumbling." {1 Peter 4:9} What does it mean when a child of God is constantly complaining? It indicates a lack of faith, trust, and commitment to God and His ways. It's also a sign of selfishness and that attitude can easily spread to others. Why not be thankful?

Do we learn from these lessons of days gone by? ***