

**“Irrational and Wicked Complaining”**  
**Bible Stories Sermon Series, Pt. 17 – Numbers 11**  
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**I. We’ve seen this before...**

- A. Israel had similarly complained in Exodus 16, one year prior.
- B. Like it was then, their complaining in Numbers 11 was irrational.
  - 1. It happened just after God’s fiery warning about complaining.
  - 2. Some meat was available already.
  - 3. There was even variety in how manna could be prepared.
  - 4. Israel wanted to eat meat freely and ravenously.
- C. Their complaining was also wicked, as it had been in Exodus 16.
  - 1. The people were rejecting and detesting God’s gracious provision.
  - 2. They were proclaiming that life in Egypt had been far better.

**II. What we haven’t seen before...**

- A. Moses complained to God about being in charge of stubborn Israel.
- B. The Lord judged His whining, rebellious people.

**III. We truly see ourselves...**

- A. We often complain, irrationally and disrespectfully.
- B. We deserve to be judged as well.

**IV. Thankfully, we now see Jesus too...**

- A. He *never* complained.
- B. Unlike Moses, He never grows weary of interceding for us.

*Hebrews 7:25 - Consequently, He is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.*