

“TO THE PROMISED LAND - PT. 5” (Numbers 11-14)

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INTRO: We’re in a series journeying with the people of God “*To The Promised Land*”, which represents abundant life in Christ (Jn. 10:10; Rom. 8:37). Today we’re going to resume our journey (1Cor. 10:11).

Lessons We’ve Learned So Far:

1. Trust and Obey God no matter the circumstances and opposition!
2. Let’s only move with God’s presence!

I. COMPLAINING, IMPARTATION & QUAIL (Num. 11).

A. The people complained about having no meat (vv. 1-15).

1. God sent a fire that consumed some (v. 1).
2. Moses prayed, and the fire was quenched (v. 2).
 - a. Prayer tempers God’s justice with mercy!
3. Moses sought God in despair (vv. 11-15).
 - a. Lack tempts us to give in to unbelief and despair.

B. An Impartation (vv. 16-30).

1. God put the Spirit that was on Moses on 70 elders so they could help bear the burden.

C. God sends quail to eat along with a plague (vv. 31-36).

II. FAMILY DYSFUNCTION (Num. 12).

A. Miriam & Aaron spoke against Moses and Miriam became a leper.

B. Moses prayed for her, and she was healed.

C. Can you sincerely pray for the wellbeing of those who have hurt you?

III. 12 SPIES SENT TO THE PROMISED LAND (Num. 13).

A. God told Moses to send 12 spies, 1 from each of the 12 tribes, to Canaan to spy out the land (vv. 1-20).

B. The 12 Spies’ report (vv. 21-26).

1. 10/12 spies gave a negative report – the enemy is formidable.
2. Caleb tried to encourage the people to battle and victory.
3. The 10 spies compared the enemy to themselves rather than God!

IV. THE PEOPLE REFUSE TO ENTER THE PROMISED LAND (Num. 14).

A. The people complain once again (vv. 1-4).

B. The response of Moses, Aaron, Joshua & Caleb (vv. 5-9).

C. God’s response (vv. 10-12, 30-38). Only Joshua & Caleb and the younger generation would enter The Promised Land.

1. Fear and unbelief can negatively impact others!

D. Do you have a Caleb spirit – a different spirit than those walking in fear & unbelief (v. 24)?

E. The presumptuous attack of the Amalekites (vv. 39-45).

CONCLUSION: Let’s trust and obey God no matter what opposition we may face! Don’t compare your opposition to yourself but to your God!