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THE RESULTS OF GRUMBLING

The Hebrews that had been in bondage in Egypt were rescued from Pharaoh by Moses miraculously. They saw the plagues, the destruction of crops, the death of animals, and then the death of the first born in the houses where the blood of a lamb was not applied. They saw the Red Sea parted and they walked through on dry ground. They saw all of Pharaoh's army destroyed when the water fell on them and drowned them. One would think after seeing eyewitness accounts of this that they would have been full of faith and would praise God for his marvelous works.

Quite the contrary. They got into the wilderness on their 40- day trip (that is what scholars have determined it would take to get from Egypt to the promised land), and they forgot what God had done. They forgot the miracles. They believed the giants ahead would destroy them. They murmured and complained about food and constantly wanted what they had in Egypt (they forgot they were slaves!). Instead of getting there in 40 days God said for each day that they were grumbling they would spend a year in the wilderness instead. 40 days became 40 years. They continued to grumble and complain and eventually Moses lost his temper with them and succumbed to their ungodly complaining and lost his ticket into the promised land.

How often do we do that also as Christians? We see God do something way beyond natural means and then when we are up against a wall, we wail and cry and throw a tantrum, asking "Where are you God?" We are told in Psalm 103:2 **"...forget not all his benefits."** We are to put into remembrance the things that God has done and trust him for what we need daily in our lives. We are to praise Him in all circumstances, **not for the circumstances**, but in the circumstances.

Praise is a weapon that moves the heart of God. When we praise Him for his glorious works and give him adoration for being God, it releases angels to work on our behalf. Grumbling will stop the move of God!

Praise disarms the enemy. Praise releases God to work in your life. Praise is a weapon that costs us nothing. It changes us from the inside out. Psalm 150:6 says **"Let everything that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the Lord!"**

Let praise be your standard to live by!