

“Gratitude-Israel's and Ours”

Num. 11:4-9

Introduction

- I. Physical fathers want to give blessings to their children, and so does our heavenly Father (Matt. 7:7-11).
- II. We are often blessed far more than we realize.
- III. If we are not careful, then we can show a lack of gratitude for those blessings.

Discussion

- I. Being grateful will help us not to complain (Num. 11:4-9).
 - A. Israel had received prior blessings, yet their lack of gratitude kept them from seeing how blessed they still were (Num. 11:5-6).
 - B. If we are not careful today, then we might overlook the blessings that we have already received (Phil. 4:10-13).
- II. Being grateful will help us to trust (Num. 11:10-23).
 - A. Even after all that Moses had witnessed and enjoyed, his trust in the LORD was still a process of growth (Num. 11:13, 21-23).
 - B. Our gratitude should help us to trust God no matter what.
 1. Yes, we still have to do our parts (2 Thess. 3:7-10; Prov. 16:26).
 2. There will still be difficulties along the way (Phil. 2:25-30; cf. Politics 1 Tim. 2:1-3; Rom. 13:1-7).
 3. Even amongst all of life's difficulties, we should still be grateful.
- III. Being grateful helps us not to be greedy (Num. 11:19-20, 31-34).
 - A. Israel should have continued to trust in the LORD instead of complaining.
 - B. We must never allow our lust and greed to blind us from how blessed we already are (1 Pet. 5:7).
 - C. Our priorities must be in order (Matt. 6:33; 1 Tim. 6:6-10).

Conclusion

- I. Just how truly grateful are we?
- II. We have salvation, redemption, justification, and sanctification, and one day we will be in Heaven!