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THE FLESHPOTS OF EGYPT

Exodus 16:1-3

Israel had just endured 400 yrs. bondage. Since Joseph. God heard their cries and planned deliverance. Ex. 3:7.

INT: Text: third murmuring. Desire for old way-in bondage. Some modern Israelites murmur for fleshpots of Egypt.

I. ISRAELITE'S MURMURINGS BECAUSE OF LACK OF PROPER FAITH.

1. God had them in bondage 400 yrs. to humble them. Prepare
2. Their sufferings the beginning of their great blessing
3. They made a good start by faith. Miracles in plagues.
4. By faith, passed over Red Sea. Murmured. Heb. 11:29.
5. Murmured when food supply went low. Exodus 16. Doubted.
6. Cried again for flesh. Numbers 11:1-6, 20, and 33.
7. Murmured because of spies' evil reports. Num. 14:23.
8. Moses and murmurers never entered Promised Land.

II. SOME NEW TESTAMENT ISRAELITES ALSO LACKED THIS FAITH.

1. Sons of Israel didn't like mental disturbance. J. 6:49-66
2. Some preferred mens' praises and bondage. John 12:42-3
3. Simon Peter craved the fleshpots-habit. John 21:13-15.
4. John Mark turned back to fleshpots of ease. Acts 13:13
5. Demas forsook Paul for fleshpots of pleasure. II T. 4:10

III. DO CHRISTIANS TODAY LACK THIS SAME FAITH?

1. Some long to return to old friends. "Had more then!!"
 - a. When converted, called out of world, to Christ.
 - b. Only way back into clique is compromise. Sin.
2. A few wish for old religious practices-former days.
 - a. Music sounded better to ME when had instrument.
 - b. Point: How sound to God? Desire for sinful is sin.
3. Some others crave old excitement and pleasures.
 - a. Old man and deeds supposed to be put off. Col. 3:9.
 - b. One can be dead while alive. Pleasures. I Tim. 5:6.
 - c. To return is worse than never to have left. II P. 2:2
4. Occasionally one will yearn for the ease of old.
 - a. Friend to everybody then! No lines or barriers.
 - b. Wasn't stigmatized then, called names, shunned.
 - c. Point: Was not a friend of Christ then. John 15:14.

Ill. Give 1,000 lives for my friend. Knt. P. 299.

INV: Bondage go with Fleshpots of Egypt. Those who wish deliverance should B-R-C-B and never return.

If have returned, urge you to flee certain doom. R-P.