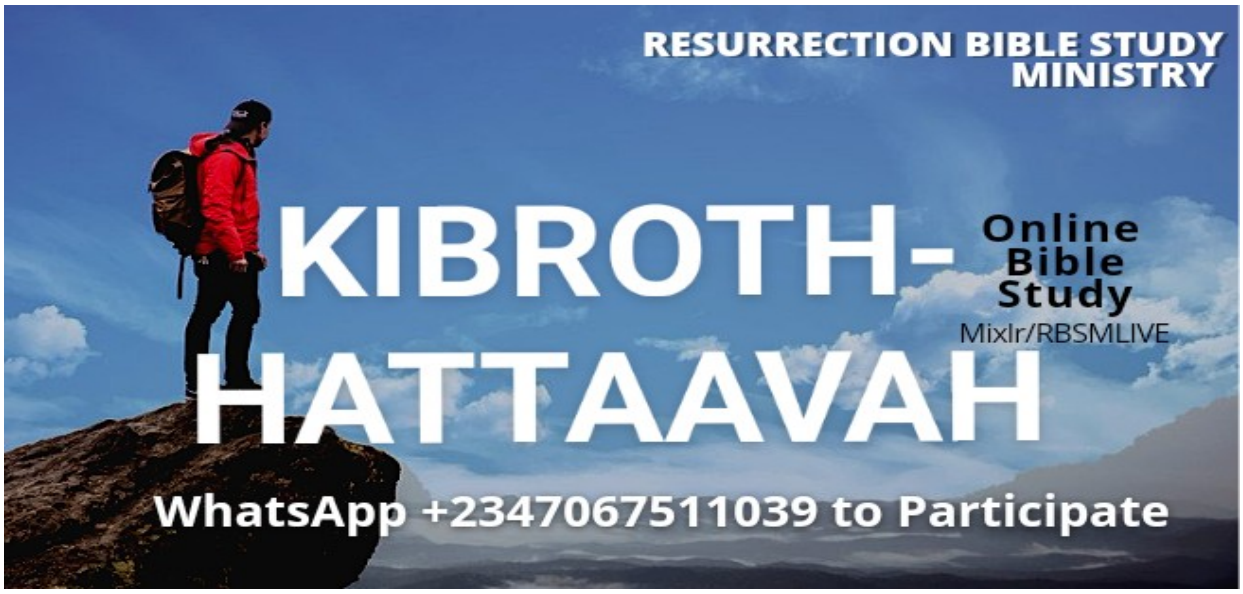


Topic:

KIBROTH-HATTAAVAH

Bible Text: Numbers 11

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Father in the mighty name of Jesus, I pray about the study that we are about to start, may Your Grace and Favor follow us, Father speak to us, enlighten us with some revelatory massages today, in Jesus precious name I pray, Amen

I welcome everyone in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. We would **briefly** be looking into scriptures to learn one or two things. The topic is **Kibroth-Hattaavah**

I know someone might be thinking about what that topic mean, and might be confused of what language it is, please get along with me as the Holy Spirit takes charge. The Israelites were known for different kinds of characters, attitudes and ways of life even during their journey to the promised land, all the things that were written about them were written for us to learn from. When this set of people left Egypt, they saw the raw power of God live and direct yet they were locked up in unbelief, just the way some of us are today, although most of us have not seen half of the display of the power of God which they saw yet we believe, and Jesus said that blessed is anyone who do not see and yet believe. They were professional complainers and rebellious even to the point which made God vow that none of those who left Egypt among them would enter the promised land except celeb and Joshua and it was so, they all wasted in the wilderness.

Currently, many people have been wasted in the wilderness of life because of their wrongful dealings with God, they could not conceive to understand the kind of nature God has and they are always getting on His nerves. May our lives not annoy God in Jesus name.

*Just follow me carefully, you will soon know what **Kibroth-Hattaavah** means.*

The Israelites were stubborn set of people who would not change even after several disciplines. Moses had to always intercede on their behalf, they complained to the point that God had to destroy some of them. Numbers 11:1-3 KJV And when the people complained, it displeased the Lord : and the Lord heard it ; and his anger was kindled; and the fire of the Lord burnt among them, and consumed them that were in the uttermost parts of the camp. [2] And the people cried unto Moses; and when Moses prayed unto the Lord, the fire was quenched. [3] And he called the name of the place Taberah: because the fire of the Lord burnt among them.

If we look at the above verse we would discover that they were consumed by fire and many of them died, yet see what happened in the next verses Numbers 11:4-6 KJV And the mixt multitude that was among them fell a lusting: and the children of Israel also wept again, and said, Who shall give us flesh to eat? [5] We remember the fish, which we did eat in Egypt freely; the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlick: [6] But now our soul is dried away: there is nothing at all, beside this manna, before our eyes.

If we look well into what they said, we would still see an act of complain there instead for them to learn a lesson from the one that just happened, but they did not. That is how many of us are, we do not see any reason to learn from our past mistakes. A lot of women would have been enjoying their marriages instead of enduring it only if they had learnt from their past mistakes. They entered a relationship where the man slapped them during courtship and they did not learn from that, yet they went into the marriage.

Many stole God's money in the church and almost died because of it, yet they did not learn from that, they continued in the act. I want everyone reading this to look deeply into their lives if there is any area you have not learned from your mistakes. You don't have to continue making the same errors constantly, don't be like the stubborn Israelites.

This set of people also lacked contentment, it is very dangerous not to be contented with what we have, it can lead to greed, covetousness, unthankfulness, lust etc. The Israelites were never contented with what they had and this made them to see no reason to be thankful. Many of us only see what God has not done and do not see what He has done so we see no reason to be thankful. Unthankfulness is not a good attribute

of a godly christian, many are nonchalant about this, please cultivate the habit of thanksgiving.

The Lord provided water and manna for the Israelites even in wilderness so that they would not die, now they started complaining of fish, meat and other things even to the point that they started weeping, don't forget that they just finished sinning against God which made God destroy some of them with fire, yet they started another one. Numbers 11:10 KJV Then Moses heard the people weep throughout their families, every man in the door of his tent: and the anger of the Lord was kindled greatly; Moses also was displeased.

What a tragedy, they all wept because of meat, just imagine! there are some people here who cannot eat without meat, if they go to another person's home and there is no meat on the food they are served, they will not eat it. Just because they refuse to tame their appetites for meat. The Lord got greatly annoyed with them for that act and he promised to give them the meat they yearned for. Remember that they did not ask God for meat, but they **complained** for meat. They were more than 600,000 thousand in number, yet God provided them meat. Numbers 11:18-20 KJV And say thou unto the people, Sanctify yourselves against to morrow, and ye shall eat flesh: **for ye have wept in the ears of the Lord** , saying, Who shall give us flesh to eat? **for it was well with us in Egypt:** therefore the Lord will give you flesh, and ye shall eat. [19] Ye shall not eat one day, nor two days, nor five days, neither ten days, nor twenty days; [20] But even a whole month, **until it come out at your nostrils, and it be loathsome unto you:** because that **ye have despised the Lord** which is among you, and have wept before him, saying, **Why came we forth out of Egypt?**

First of all, do we know that the idea of bringing the Israelites out of Egypt was not brought up by them because they never thought of an escape route, it was God who decided to deliver them when their pains and afflictions were much in Egypt. But now they began to ask God why he took them out, that it was well with them in Egypt, everyone knows that this statement is not true. It was not well with them at all but because of their burning desires for meat, they lied! Then they despised the Lord and wept so much which made God answer them in His anger.

Numbers 11:31 KJV And there went forth a wind from the Lord, and brought quails from the sea, and let them fall by the camp, as it were a day's journey on this side, and as it were a day's journey on the other side, round about the camp, and as it were two cubits high upon the face of the earth. God fulfilled His promise and gave them more than enough since they had looked down on Him by not believing in Him, neither were they thankful for His past deeds. What happened next? Numbers 11:32 KJV And the people

stood up all that day, and all that night, and all the next day, and they gathered the quails: he that gathered least gathered ten homers: and they spread them all abroad for themselves round about the camp. this set of people did not mind whatever way the provisions came in as much as their desires were met, it was fine with them. How many times have we done things that do not please God to meet our lustful desires? A lot of people do not even care about what God is saying, some people are into jobs and businesses that God is not happy about yet they do not mind because it has been settling their desires. We have become self conscious and not God conscious, it's not about what God wants anymore but about how we feel, what we want and who we are.

Is someone still with me?

What happened to them? Numbers 11:33 KJV And while the flesh was yet between their teeth, ere it was chewed, the wrath of the Lord was kindled against the people, and the Lord smote the people with a very great plague. The Lord killed them, assuming we are in the Old Testament days, hmm, many of us would have been dead by now, but because we are enjoying grace we still see no reason to amend our ways. They picked the meat and started eating when God was not happy with them. If God is warning someone about something and the person continues in it, the person is simply testing God and is heading towards destruction. After they died, these people were buried. Numbers 11:34 KJV And he called the name of that place Kibroth-hattaavah: because there they buried the people that lusted.

*Kibroth-Hattaavah means the **Grave of cravings***

This set of people craved for meat, in other words, they lusted for meat! and they ended up in the **grave of cravings**. But the truth is this, we have many people who are also heading towards the grave of cravings. They have refused to also tame their appetites, some think it's only women/men that can be lusted after, this is not true, anything one refuses to tame his desires, such is being lusted after. That was why John broke it down to three. 1 John 2:16 KJV For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. there is nothing a man can lust after that is not in at least one category of these three.

1. The lust of the eye

2. The lust of the flesh

3. The pride of life.

Check this list carefully and see which one is leading you currently to the **grave of**

cravings. I will try to mention some of the things that are leading men to the grave of cravings. When we crave for things God has not approved for us, it always brings regrets, there are times a particular thing is not the will of God for us, but if we begin to crave for these things without caring about how God feels about them, we would be doing ourselves more harm than good. Learn to tame your appetites, so as to curb lust which can lead to the cravings for the things of this world. STOP the unhealthy craving

- food

- sex

- jobs

- position

- ambition

There are many other things, but these are the most common ones.

Food: Some people cannot fast till 12pm, this is very bad!, there is the place of self denial, but it can be dangerous if a man cannot tame his stomach, some people eats everywhere and at anytime, it's too bad.

Sex: Many cannot do without sex for just one week! If their wives/husband travels and spends up to two weeks, problem will break out, this is not supposed to be. It is very bad. Learn to tame your appetites to avoid unnecessary cravings.

Jobs: Because some people find it hard to secure a job, they then accept the offer of sleeping with their bosses so as to be employed, despite the fact that they know God is not happy with such a life, some works on Sabbath days when God commands rest, even when they can avoid working on these days.

Ambition: Some are over ambitious, they want to build a house and buy cars within three months even when there is no money to achieve it, then they begin to look for shortcuts on how to make wealth, craving after wealth, the pride of life.

Positions: Those who strive to get to a position no matter what, they use people for rituals just to satisfy their lustful desires, they embezzle to compaign for elections. We should know that all this set of people are all heading towards the **grave of cravings.**

You have to stop that lustful desires for every girl and boy that come around, God is not pleased with it. If you are into these and more, run to God right now, and tell Him that you cannot help yourself that He should help you. Mention the areas for Him to assist

you, don't read this without settling scores with God. Cry to Him for help, so that He will have mercy on you for you not to end up in the grave of cravings.

Prayer points

Cry out with a loud voice!

1. Father, don't let me end up in the grave of cravings in the name of Jesus.

2. Dear Jesus Christ, help me not to be controlled by my lustful desires.

3. I refuse to be a complainer but a thankful person in Jesus name.

4. No matter the situation I'm passing through, I will always praise God in Jesus name.

5. Dear Lord, deliver me from the grip of lust in Jesus name.

The End

Dear Reader,

Are you not heading towards Kibroth-Hattaavah? It is only Jesus that you need now, this is the time you must be genuinely saved. If there is anyway you have gone away from Christ due to the cares of this world, or you have never for once accepted Christ into your life, this is the right time to do so, do not postpone, come to Jesus now. If you want to give your life to Christ please place your right hand on your chest and pray this prayer by believing it in your heart and confessing it with your mouth.

Say,

Lord Jesus Christ, I accept you as my personal Lord and Savior, I believe that you died and rose up on the third day so that I can be free from death and sin, have mercy on me and forgive me of all my sins, I confess your Lordship over my life, and renounce the works of the devil over me, accept me as your child and help me to always walk in accordance to your will and purpose. Thank you Jesus for saving me. Amen!

If you said the above prayer sincerely, I congratulate you and the angels in heaven are rejoicing over you currently, you have taken the best decision any man on earth would ever take, please contact us, we can't wait to have a word with you.

Congratulations, once again dear saint.

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