

## Things I Would Miss *If God Didn't Allow Me to Have Them ...*

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<b>Words to Find:</b>	church	friends	pastor
air	clothing	health	prayer
Bible	education	heaven	salvation
car	family	house	water
children	food	job	wife
	freedom	ministry	

### The Quaker's Test

*Gospel Herald*

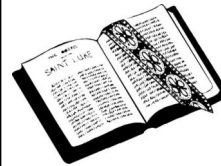
We've heard of an old Quaker who advertised that he would give 40 acres of rich farm land to anyone who was perfectly satisfied with that which he had. One seeker came to see the Quaker.

"Are thee perfectly satisfied with what thee hast?"

"Yes," answered the hopeful guest.

"Then why dost thee want this land?" was the old Quaker's significant query.

# The Bible View



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### More Than a Nose Full

*Bill Brinkworth*

The people of Israel had just been taught a terrible lesson about their complaining (Numbers 11). God was angered and sent a fire to consume many because of their squawking. Many perished until Moses' prayers stopped God's wrath, that had killed many.

Did they learn from this lesson? No! It was not long after, that again they grumbled about what they used to have. Some non-Jews may have started the complaining about what they used to eat. Soon all were lusting for the good old days when they had eaten differently; when they had eaten cucumbers, melons, onions, and garlic. "Now," they bemoaned, "all we have to eat is this manna!"

Manna was the food of angels that God daily rained down on the earth to feed over a million of the Jewish travelers, as they were led by God through the wilderness. It meant nothing to them that just enough appeared in the morning for everyone. They had to trust

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### The Grumble Family

*East and West*



*There's a family nobody likes to meet,  
 They live, it is said, on Complaining Street,  
 In the city of Never-Are-Satisfied,  
 The river of Discontent beside,  
 They growl at that and they growl at this,*

*Whatever comes there is something amiss;  
 And whether their station be high or humble,  
 They are known by the name of Grumble.*

*The weather is always too hot or cold,  
 Summer and winter alike they scold;  
 Nothing goes right with the folks they meet*

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God every day for His “daily bread”. If they tried to save some for the next day (in case God forgot about them and failed to remember to feed them, perhaps), it would stink and be covered with worms. On Friday, however, they could save two days worth of the food, so they would not have to work on the Sabbath. It was evident that this daily food was a miracle from God; yet they still muttered against it and were not content.

Their fussing twisted their memories to remember only the good from which God delivered them. They forgot about their bondage, lack of religious freedom, pain, suffering, and death they had suffered for many years before God freed them from Egypt. Even Moses may have been caught up in the discontentment that spread through the camp like a plague. No one was happy. They were not content with what God had done for them, and God was angered.

Again, their gracious Heavenly Father had to teach them a lesson. After their cries and complaints, he gave them different food for which they had lusted. In from the seas, (which is one place a hunter knows never to look for

“chicken-dinners”) flew in enough quail to last them a month. Then all the flying-meals dropped dead; so the complainers could pick their fill of meat suppers. God said they would have enough for a whole month; “... until it came out at your nostrils...” So they ate and ate, and then God killed them. While the flesh was still between their teeth, the Lord smote them with a very great plague. Their dissatisfaction, complaining and lust killed them. They did not get away with their sin, and their obtaining what they had wanted did not quench their discontentment, nor change the fact that they had sinned.

Today, the sin of discontentment with what God has allowed us to have still looms over many lives. Although it may not directly result in death as it did to those that lusted at Kibroth-hattaavah (“Graves of the Longing”), it still does much damage.

Folks that are never satisfied with what God has given them or allowed them to experience are never fulfilled. They are always wanting more. They never find peace or happiness. Many times they go from job to job, spouse to spouse, or friend to friend. They spend their whole life trying to fill the emptiness that their lust has created, and they are never ful-

filled.

Often, they become so busy searching for something “more”, that they miss their purpose in life. Instead of using the gifts and abilities God has blessed them with, they waste their time looking for something else, or trying to obtain what God has given to others.

As God was angry with Israel’s discontentment; so too, He can be angry with those of today for the same sin. Be grateful for what God has given you, and be happy with who you are. God has created each of us differently to accomplish the different tasks that He wants accomplished during our lifetime. Do not complain. It may anger God, and you may get exactly what you requested. You may get so much, that you get sick of it. You may get more than a nose full!

## The Grumble Family

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*Down on that gloomy  
Complaining Street,  
They growl at the rain and they  
growl at the sun,  
In fact their growling is never  
done.  
And if everything pleased them,  
there isn’t a doubt  
They’d growl that there’s nothing  
to grumble about.  
But the queerest thing is that not  
one of the same  
Can be brought to acknowledge  
his family name  
For never a Grumbler will own  
that he*

**“Fault-finding is easy. No talent, no self-denial, no brains, nor is character required to grumble and criticize.”**

*Is connected with it at all, you see,  
And the worst thing is that if  
anyone stays  
Amongst them too long he will  
learn their ways,  
And before he dreams of the  
terrible jumble  
He’s adopted into the family of  
Grumble.*

*So it is wisest to keep our feet  
From wandering into  
Complaining Street;  
And never growl, whatever we do,  
Lest we be mistaken for Grum-  
blers too.  
Let us learn to walk with a smile  
and song,  
No matter if things do sometimes  
go wrong,  
And then, be our station high or  
humble,  
We’ll never belong to the family of  
Grumble.*

## Good Old Days?

*Sunshine Magazine*

Our forefathers did without sugar until the 13<sup>th</sup> century; without coal fires until the 14<sup>th</sup> century; without battered bread until the 15<sup>th</sup> century; without potatoes until the 16<sup>th</sup> century; without coffee, tea, and soup until the 17<sup>th</sup> century; without pudding until the 18<sup>th</sup> century; without matches and electricity until the 19<sup>th</sup> century; without canned goods until the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Now, what was it you were complaining about?

“Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.” Phil. 4:11-12