

The High Price of Complaining

And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel. —1 Corinthians 10:10

What I want you to consider is whether you have a complaint, and, if so, is it valid? God knows whether it is valid. Do you feel that it has been unfair that you have had to live all these years with that particular man? Or do you think that God has not been fair to you because you never married, and you have complained? Do you have a valid complaint? It may be. God knows whether it is.

But let me ask you this: In your complaining do you roll up your sleeves, or do you let God handle it? The one thing that can be said about the judgment that must never be underestimated is that it will be the day when God is going to clear His name, and the justice will be carried out totally and in an undoubted way. God knows what people have said. God knows the infidel shakes his fist and says, “If there’s a God, why does He let this happen?” God can wait.

But that will be a day when He will be involved. Judgment will be carried out by an all-wise and all-righteous God who has a perfect memory of everything that ever happened. His Day can be your day, but if you make today your day and do not wait for His Day, then that comes under a different category, what the Bible calls “grumbling.”

We will be judged not only on what we have done then, but also on what we have said. Indignation may have led us to complain, but we must always ask ourselves: Do we speak with tongues of gold or tongues of straw?

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