

~QUARREL (303)

.. Murmuring

- **A dispute.**
- In case a matter for judicial decision should be too extraordinary for you, one in which blood has been shed, in which a legal claim has been raised, or a violent deed has been committed, matters of dispute, inside your gates, you must also rise and go up to the place that Yehowah your God will choose. (**Deuteronomy 17:8**)
- **Controversy**
- A noise will certainly come clear to the farthest part of the earth, for there is a **controversy** that Yehowah has with the nations. He must personally put himself in judgment with all flesh. As regards the wicked ones, he must give them to the sword, is the utterance of Yehowah. (**Jeremiah 25:31**)
- **Or case at Law.**
- But Yehowah of armies is judging with righteousness, he is examining the kidneys and the heart. O may I see your vengeance on them, for it is to you that I have revealed my **case at Law**. (**Jeremiah 11:20**)
- The Scriptures counsel against becoming involved in **quarrels**, or disputes, without cause.
- Do not **quarrel** with a man without cause, if he has rendered no bad to you. (**Proverbs 3:30**)
- **Says the Proverb:**
- As one grabbing hold of the ears of a dog is anyone passing by that is becoming furious at the **quarrel** that is not his. (**Proverbs 26:17**)
- The speech of stupid ones readily leads them into **quarrels**, and foolish ones do not exercise the needed restraint to avoid **quarreling**.
- The lips of one who is stupid enter into **quarreling**, and his very

mouth calls even for strokes. (**Proverbs 18:6**)

- It is a glory for a man to desist from disputing, but everyone foolish will burst out in it. (**Proverbs 20:3**)
- Since the squeezing out of anger results in **quarreling**
- For the churning of milk is what brings forth butter, and the squeezing of the nose is what brings forth blood, and the squeezing out of anger is what brings forth **quarreling**. (**Proverbs 30:33**)
- Slowness to anger has the opposite effect.
- An enraged man stirs up contention, but one that is slow to anger quiets down **quarreling**. (**Proverbs 15:18**)
- **Quarreling** destroys a peaceful atmosphere.
- Better is a dry piece of bread with which there is quietness than a house full of the sacrifices of **quarreling**. (**Proverbs 17:1**)
- And may cause even the meekest of persons to lose self-control. For example, Israel's **quarreling** about there being no water at Kadesh prompted Moses and Aaron to act rashly, thereby losing the privilege of entering the Promised Land. Israel's unjustified **quarreling** with Yehowah's representatives actually constituted a **quarrel** with Yehowah.
- Now there proved to be no water for the assembly, and they began to congregate themselves against Moses and Aaron. (**Numbers 20:2**)
- And the people went **quarreling** with Moses and saying; If only we had expired when our brothers expired before Yehowah! (**Numbers 20:3**)
- After that Moses and Aaron called the congregation together before the crag, and he proceeded to say to them; Hear, now, you rebels! Is it from this crag that we shall bring out water for you? (**Numbers 20:10**)
- With that Moses lifted his hand up and struck the crag with his rod twice, and much water began to come out, and the assembly

and their beasts of burden began to drink. (**Numbers 20:11**)

- Later Yehowah said to Moses and Aaron; Because you did not show faith in me to sanctify me before the eyes of the sons of Israel, therefore you will not bring this congregation into the land that I shall certainly give them. (**Numbers 20:12**)
- These are the waters of Meribah, because the sons of Israel **quarreled** with Yehowah, so that he was sanctified among them. (**Numbers 20:13**)
- Inasmuch as you men rebelled against my order in the wilderness of Zin at the **quarreling** of the assembly, in relation to sanctifying me by the waters before their eyes. These are the waters of Meribah at Kadesh in the wilderness of Zin. (**Numbers 27:14**)
- Further, they caused provocation at the waters of Meribah, so that it went badly with Moses by reason of them. (**Psalms 106:32**)
- Those who become similarly involved in **quarreling** or violent controversies with God's servants are in a very serious position, one that can lead to death.
- But you, O Israel, are my servant, you, O Jacob, whom I have chosen, the seed of Abraham my friend. (**Isaiah 41:8**)
- Look! All those getting heated up against you will become ashamed and be humiliated. The men in a **quarrel** with you will become as nothing and will perish. (**Isaiah 41:11**)
- You will search for them, but you will not find them, those men in a struggle with you. They will become as something nonexistent and as nothing, those men at war with you. (**Isaiah 41:12**)
- Any weapon whatever that will be formed against you will have no success, and any tongue at all that will rise up against you in the judgment you will condemn. This is the hereditary possession of the servants of Yehowah, and their righteousness is from me, is the utterance of Yehowah. (**Isaiah 54:17**)
- Because of the detrimental effect of **quarreling**, the proverb counsels; Before the **quarrel** has burst forth, take your leave.

- The beginning of contention is as one letting out waters, so before the **quarrel** has burst forth, take your leave. (**Proverbs 17:14**)
- Abram, or Abraham, set a good example in this regard. Concerned that there be no disputes between his herdsmen and those of his nephew Lot, Abram suggested that they separate. Unselfishly he gave Lot the opportunity to choose the area where he would pasture his animals.
- And a **quarrel** arose between the herders of Abram's livestock and the herders of Lot's livestock, and at that time the Canaanite and the Perizzite were dwelling in the land. (**Genesis 13:7**)
- Hence Abram said to Lot; Please, do not let any **quarreling** continue between me and you and between my herdsmen and your herdsmen, for we men are brothers. (**Genesis 13:8**)
- Is not the whole land available to you? Please, separate from me. If you go to the left, then I will go to the right, but if you go to the right, then I will go to the left. (**Genesis 13:9**)
- So Lot raised his eyes and saw the whole District of the Jordan, that all of it was a wellwatered region before Yehowah brought Sodom and Gomorrah to ruin, like the garden of Yehowah, like the land of Egypt as far as Zoar. (**Genesis 13:10**)
- Then Lot chose for himself the whole District of the Jordan, and Lot moved his camp to the east. So they separated the one from the other. (**Genesis 13:11**)
- On the other hand, unfaithful Israelites in the time of Isaiah did not act like their forefather Abraham. Of them, it is said; For **quarreling** and struggle you would fast. Even during the fast they were engaged in **quarreling**.
- Indeed for **quarreling** and struggle you would fast, and for striking with the fist of wickedness. Did you not keep fasting as in the day for making your voice to be heard in the height? (**Isaiah 58:4**)

- The Mosaic Law covered cases of **quarreling** resulting in bodily injury. It prescribed paying compensation to the injured party for time lost from work.
- And in case men should get into a **quarrel** and one does strike his fellow with a stone or a hoe and he does not die but must keep to his bed. (**Exodus 21:18**)
- If he gets up and does walk about out of doors upon some support of his, then the one who struck him must be free from punishment, he will make compensation only for the time lost from that ones work until he gets him completely healed. (**Exodus 21:19**)

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- **Murmuring discourages and tears down. The Israelites, not long out of Egypt, murmured against Yehowah, finding fault with the leadership that he provided by his servants Moses and Aaron.**
- And the entire assembly of the sons of Israel began to murmur against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. (**Exodus 16:2**)
- And in the morning you will indeed see Yehowah's glory, because he has heard your murmurings against Yehowah. And what are we that you should murmur against us? (**Exodus 16:7**)
- **Later their complaints so discouraged Moses that he asked to die.**
- From where do I have meat to give to all this people? For they keep weeping toward me, saying; Do give us meat, and let us eat! (**Numbers 11:13**)
- I am not able, I by myself, to carry all this people, because they are too heavy for me. (**Numbers 11:14**)
- So if this is the way you are doing to me, please kill me off altogether, if I have found favor in your eyes, and let me not look upon my calamity. (**Numbers 11:15**)
- **Murmuring can be a deadly danger to the murmurer. Yehowah counted the things said by murmurers about Moses as actually being a rebellious complaint against His own divine leadership.**

- **And Yehowah went on to speak to Moses and Aaron, saying;
(Numbers 14:26)**
- **How long will this evil assembly have this murmuring that they are carrying on against me? I have heard the murmurings of the sons of Israel that they are murmuring against me. (Numbers 14:27)**
- **Say to them; As I live, is the utterance of Yehowah, if I shall not do to you just that way as you have spoken in my ears! (Numbers 14:28)**
- **In this wilderness your carcasses will fall, yes, all your registered ones of all your number from twenty years old upward, you who have murmured against me. (Numbers 14:29)**
- **As for you, you will not enter into the land in which I lifted up my hand in oath to reside with you, except Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun. (Numbers 14:30)**
- **Many lost their lives as a result of faultfinding.**
- **Accordingly, the Christian Greek Scriptures draw on the ancient examples to warn of the destructiveness of murmuring, or complaining.**
- **Neither be murmurers, just as some of them murmured, only to perish by the destroyer. (1 Corinthians 10:10)**
- **Now these things went on befalling them as examples, and they were written for a warning to us upon whom the ends of the systems of things have arrived. (1 Corinthians 10:11)**
- **Jude tells of those who disregard lordship and speak abusively of glorious ones, describing such ones as murmurers, complainers about their lot in life, proceeding according to their own desires, and their mouths speak swelling things, while they are admiring personalities for the sake of their own benefit.**
- **In like manner, notwithstanding, these men, too, indulging in dreams, are defiling the flesh and disregarding lordship and speaking abusively of glorious ones. (Jude 1:8)**
- **These men are murmurers, complainers about their lot in life,**

proceeding according to their own desires, and their mouths speak swelling things, while they are admiring personalities for the sake of their own benefit. ([Jude 1:16](#))

- **Jesus condemned the faultfinding attitude when he said; Stop judging that you may not be judged. Why, then, do you look at the straw in your brothers eye, but do not consider the rafter in your own eye? Hypocrite!**
- **First extract the rafter from your own eye, and then you will see clearly how to extract the straw from your brothers eye.**
- **Stop judging that you may not be judged. ([Matthew 7:1](#))**
- **Why, then, do you look at the straw in your brothers eye, but do not consider the rafter in your own eye? ([Matthew 7:3](#))**
- **Or how can you say to your brother, Allow me to extract the straw from your eye, when, look! A rafter is in your own eye? ([Matthew 7:4](#))**
- **Hypocrite! First extract the rafter from your own eye, and then you will see clearly how to extract the straw from your brothers eye. ([Matthew 7:5](#))**
- **Therefore you are inexcusable, O man, whoever you are, if you judge, for in the thing in which you judge another, you condemn yourself, inasmuch as you that judge practice the same things. ([Romans 2:1](#))**