

And When the People Complained,

by A.B. Simpson

The sermon warns against the subtle nature of secret sin and murmuring against God.

Scripture: Exodus 16:2-3, Numbers 11:1, Job 1:22, Psalm 106:25, Proverbs 19:3, Romans 14:10, 1 Corinthians 10:10, Philippians 2:14, Hebrews 3:12-13, James 5:9

Topics: "Trust in God", "Murmuring"

Description

A.B. Simpson addresses the subtlety of murmuring among the children of Israel in the wilderness, emphasizing how people often express their discontent 'as it were' without openly sinning. He illustrates how individuals may evade direct accusations against God by complaining about their circumstances or others, revealing a deeper struggle with faith and trust. Simpson warns that such murmuring can lead to a dangerous mindset where one might charge God foolishly if given the chance. The sermon serves as a reminder of the importance of confronting our grievances honestly and recognizing the underlying issues in our hearts. Ultimately, it calls for self-examination and a return to trust in God's faithfulness.

Transcript

There is a very remarkable phrase in the book of Numbers, in the account of the murmuring of the children of Israel in the wilderness. It reads like this: "When the people, as it were, murmured." Like most marginal readings, it is better than the text, and a great world of suggestive truth lies back of that little sentence. Many a vivid picture rises before our imagination of people who do not dare to sin openly and unequivocally but manage to do it "as it were" only. They do not lie overtly, but they evade, or equivocate or imply enough falsehood to escape a real conviction of conscience.

They do not openly accuse God of unkindness or unfaithfulness, but they strike at Him through somebody else.

They find fault with circumstances and people and things that God has permitted to come into their lives and, "as it were" murmur. Perhaps they do not go any farther than that. But they feel like doing so. if they dared they would "charge God foolishly." These things were written for our warning.

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