

# **Revival Christian Fellowship**

Numbers 21:4-9 - The Cure for Death and Discouragement

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**Main Point:** There are consequences to complaining, but God provides a cure.

## **Introduction**

- How do we feel when somebody complains to us?

## **Understanding: Read Numbers 21:1-9**

### **1. Complaining. Read Numbers 21:4-5.**

- a. Why were the people of Israel wandering in the desert? Where had they been? Where were they going?
- b. What were some of the reasons that the Israelites were discouraged during their desert wanderings?
- c. What complaints did the Israelites raise against God and Moses in these verses?
- d. Is raising complaints against God dangerous? Explain.
- e. Where does discouragement come from?
- f. What gets you discouraged to the point of complaining to God?

## **2. Consequence. Read Numbers 21:6.**

- a. Is the severity of the consequences from God a result of complaining against Him, and not just Moses?
- b. Did God's consequences for the Israelites surprise you?
- c. Have you suffered any consequences from not responding to God in faith? Explain.
- d. What attitude is God trying to correct in the Israelites?
- e. Can we act on the promises of God with an ungrateful heart?
- f. How can believers experience the best from God?

## **3. Cure. Read Numbers 21:7-9.**

- a. Why is it important to acknowledge our sin before God when we seek to repent?
- b. What role did Moses play in this exchange? How is this similar to Jesus' role?
- c. Read John 3:14-18. In these verses, Jesus helps us understand the greater significance of the bronze snake on the pole. What did the snake on the pole ultimately represent?

d. What is the role of faith in facing death and discouragement?

e. What can we learn about our repentance and God's mercy from these verses?

## **Application**

- How do you feel when you think about the spiritual healing made available to you through the death and resurrection of Jesus?