

"But On The Morrow all the congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron, saying, Ye have killed the people of the LORD." *Numbers 16:41 KJV*



"The earth opened her mouth, and all that appertained unto Korah went down alive into the pit, and all Israel fled at the cry of them. A fire from the LORD consumed the two hundred and fifty men that offered incense." Yet, "on the morrow all the congregation murmured against Moses." They had witnessed a ground shaking chasm, a glimpse of hell itself, and a consuming fire from God yet, they turned and blamed Aaron and Moses for things they could not possibly have done! Long story short, God sent a death plague. "They that died in the plague were fourteen thousand and seven hundred, beside them that died about the matter of Korah." Nearly fifteen thousand died and more would have except "Moses said unto Aaron, Take a censer, and put fire therein from off the altar, and put on incense, and go quickly unto the congregation, and make an atonement for them. And Aaron took as Moses commanded, and ran into the midst of the congregation and made an atonement for the people. He stood between the dead and the living; and the plague was stayed." We marvel at the stupidity of Israel's actions. We often shake our heads at those around us who never seem to learn the obvious Lessons of God. But, how often is it we see God Mightily Chastise wicked deeds in another's life and the very next day we forget or deny God's Hand in it? We go back to walking in the same old rut that required God's Mighty Hand in the first place, blaming calamity and catastrophe on "mother nature" or other men! Isaiah wrote, "ALL we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way, but God Hath Laid on [Christ] the iniquity of us all." Aaron's intercession foretold of Christ, Who Hung on Calvary's Cross between the "dead and the living," Suffering God's Just Wrath, And Staying sin's death plague for "whosoever will" humbly acknowledge their sin against a Holy God and ask for His Mercy! Is today a tomorrow of murmuring for you? Did you witness God's Wrath on the wicked yesterday and have so soon forgotten? Did God Supply your need before and you still insist on worry and care today? "Do not err, my beloved brethren. Every Good Gift and every Perfect Gift Is From Above, And Cometh down from the Father of Lights, With Whom Is No Variableness, neither shadow of turning. Be [care-full] for nothing; but in EVERYTHING by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." Korah forgot, his own unbelief had gotten him where he was and vainly murmured. That's exactly what murmuring is: Vain! It means, I think I'm entitled to more than God's Provision, or I've disobeyed and am blaming God for my sin's consequences!

Tomorrow's sun may brightly shine,
Obscuring past forewarning sign,
Forget thou not God's chast'ning hand,
Lest He remove you from this land. -CGP

Why do we correct our children? A parent's oft reminder is "What did I tell you?" Children must obey to stay disaster. If children repeatedly disobey, punishment increases, lest they later endanger themselves. I feared Dad's wrath more than snakes or alligators! It should be the same with our Heavenly Father. "For whom the Lord Loveth He Chasteneth. Now no chastening...seemeth to be joyous, but...afterward it yieldeth the Peaceable Fruit of Righteousness." If I was disobedient when out with Dad, I dreaded going home! I knew he would deal with it there!

"And I said, This is my infirmity: but I will remember the years of the Right Hand of the Most High. I will remember the Works of the LORD: surely I will remember thy Wonders of old. I will meditate also of all Thy Work, and talk of Thy Doings." Psalms 77:10-12 KJV