

# 3 problems – 3 solutions from God:

1. we can NOT govern ourselves

2. we can NOT govern others

3. we can NOT agree on where help comes from.

1. the spirit is willing, the flesh is weak. **Matt 26:41**

2. **1 Sam 8:7** - But when they said, "Give us a king to lead us," this displeased Samuel; so he prayed to the LORD. And the LORD told him: "Listen to all that the people are saying to you; it is not you they have rejected, but they have rejected me as their king.

3. **Ps 20:7** - Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.

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find a way to do the impossible! Democracy = freedom? Socialism = fairness for everyone? Communism = we know what's better for you?

Benefits	Consequences
<b>FREE WILL</b>	
1. We have creative license	1. By ourselves we have limited capacity
2. We can learn from mistakes	2. We grow routinely satisfied (our way)
<b>PRE DESTINATION</b>	
1. sit back and enjoy the ride!	1. No moral responsibility / accountability
2. once your in, no annual dues / fees	2. No mission, no passion

Of course we can have UNITY. JUST agree with us!

Liberals vs conservatives? Bible believing Christians vs Pagans.

1. Difference of core values, ideals, politics, doctrines, fundamental beliefs as to why we exist, make it near impossible to coexist.
2. Define Freedom – Justice
3. How we define virtue and vice (moral absolutes?)
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In Exodus, people were delivered from Slavery, bondage, oppression after 400 years of wailing and crying out to God. They had had enough!

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Now they didn't like the wilderness...

Numbers 11- Now the people complained about their hardships in the hearing of the Lord, and when he heard them his anger was aroused. Then fire from the Lord burned among them and consumed some of the outskirts of the camp. <sup>2</sup> When the people cried out to Moses, he prayed to the Lord and the fire died down.

The rabble with them began to crave other food, and again the Israelites started wailing and said, "If only we had meat to eat! <sup>5</sup> We remember the fish we ate in Egypt at no cost—also the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions and garlic. <sup>6</sup> But now we have lost our appetite; we never see anything but this manna!"

Moses heard the people of every family wailing at the entrance to their tents. The Lord became exceedingly angry, and Moses was troubled. ***God gave them quail to eat until they were "sick of it"***

The Lord answered Moses, “Is the Lord’s arm too short? Now you will see whether or not what I say will come true for you.”

Num 12 – But Miriam and Aaron began to talk against Moses because of his Cushite wife, for he had married a Cushite. <sup>2</sup> “Has the Lord spoken only through Moses?” they asked. “Hasn’t he also spoken through us?” And the Lord heard this.

<sup>3</sup> (Now Moses was a very humble man, more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth.)

<sup>4</sup> At once the Lord said to Moses, Aaron and Miriam, “Come out to the tent of meeting, all three of you.” So the three of them went out. <sup>5</sup> Then the Lord came down in a pillar of cloud; he stood at the entrance to the tent and summoned Aaron and Miriam. When the two of them stepped forward, <sup>6</sup> he said, “Listen to my words:

“When there is a prophet among you, I, the Lord, reveal myself to them in visions, I speak to them in dreams.<sup>7</sup> But this is not true of my servant Moses; he is faithful in all my house.<sup>8</sup> With him I speak face to face, clearly and not in riddles; he sees the form of the Lord.

Why then were you not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?”

<sup>9</sup> The anger of the Lord burned against them, and he left them.

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## Chapter 14

That night all the members of the community raised their voices and wept aloud. <sup>2</sup> All the Israelites grumbled against Moses and Aaron, and the whole assembly said to them, “If only we had died in Egypt! Or in this wilderness! <sup>3</sup> Why is the Lord bringing us to this land only to let us fall by the sword? Our wives and children will be taken as plunder. Wouldn’t it be better for us to go back to Egypt?” <sup>4</sup> And they said to each other, “We should choose a leader and go back to Egypt.”

ten occurrences where they grumble and complain rather than evidence belief in the Lord. Note the following passages:

**1. Exodus 14:10-12**

At the Red Sea where it seemed that Pharaoh's army would destroy them

**2. Exodus 15:22-24**

At Marah where they found bitter water

**3. Exodus 16:1-3**

In the Desert of Sin as they hungered

**4. Exodus 16:19-20**

In the Desert of Sin as they paid no attention to Moses concerning the storing of the manna until the morning

**5. Exodus 16:27-30**

In the Desert of Sin as they disregarded Moses concerning the gathering of the manna on the seventh day

**6. Exodus 17:1-4**

At Rephidim as they complained for water

**7. Exodus 32:1-35**

At Mount Sinai as Aaron led the people in making the golden calf

**8. Numbers 11:1-3**

At Taberah where the people raged against the Lord

**9. Numbers 11:4-34**

At Kibroth Hattaavah in the grumbling provoked by the rabble for quail

**10. Numbers 14:1-3**

At Kadesh in the Desert of Paran when the people refused to receive the good report of Joshua and Caleb but rather wished themselves dead

So finally in Numbers 14:11, the Lord cries out “how long?” Repeatedly the Lord had demonstrated His faithfulness in each situation of difficulty. However, as soon as Israel encountered another difficult situation, they evidence unbelief through their grumbling and complaining. Their complaining cried out loudly, “Is the Lord among us or not?” As a result, the Lord concludes, “and yet have put me to the test these ten times and have not obeyed my voice.”

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**In order to TRULY find FREEDOM,  
and keep Freedom,  
we must submit to a higher authority than ourselves.**

**Stop resisting Him, while clinging to an illusion.  
we are incapable of creating it, or keeping it alone.**