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THE SIN OF MURMURING.

These who except God as their Lord should never murmur—never complain. To do so is to dispute the Divine Wisdom and the Divine promises, and to that extent to look the covenant of faith, obedience and loyalty. St. Paul reminds us that the murmuring of the Israelites carried such a lesson to us—Hebrews 3:7-41:31.

The Lord's dealings with Israel show us that justice, love, mercy, loyalty to God and to principle are in the Divine estimation the highest qualities, and their violation the most serious crime. If we have not looked thus at matters, it behooves us to change our viewpoint and to take the Almighty's.

This warning against the Lord was concerning the manner for which at first the people had been very thankful. They allowed their minds to be come so vexed that they wept like children at the thought of the fishpots of Egypt, and murmured in desiring to return to the old conditions. Little did they comprehend the situation. Had they returned to bondage, even after a year's freedom, they would have seemed more wretched than before.

Moses Too Greatly Burdened.

The result of this murmuring was severe upon Moses. He was the people's representative before the Lord, and the Lord's representative before the people. Heart broken, he sought the Lord, saying that the burden was too heavy for him to bear.

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