

6. He gives the people an opportunity to bring an offering (Numbers 7:1-3, 10-89)

7. He establishes an order of distribution of the offering based on the service being rendered by the clan. (Numbers 7:6-9)

God does not bless us all the same but he blesses us according to the service that he has assigned us to carry out:

- Gershon received 2 wagons and 4 oxen
- Merarari received 4 wagons and 8 oxen
- Kohath receive 0 wagons and 0 oxen

Every Christian at one time or another will say "Where is My Wagon?"

If God gives others what he does not give you, there is a reason.

"No Wagon" is a sign of Greater Strength.

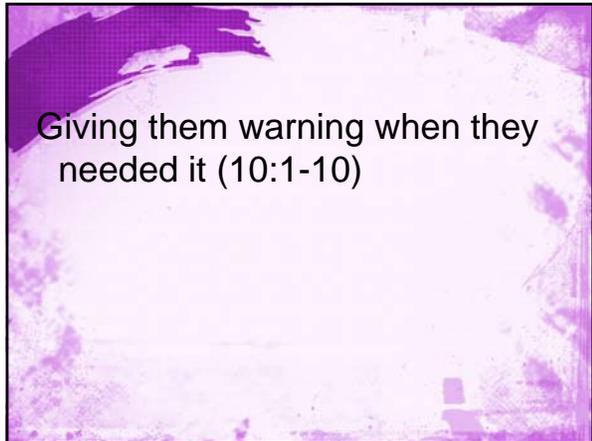
"No Wagon" is a sign of Greater Protection against disobedience.

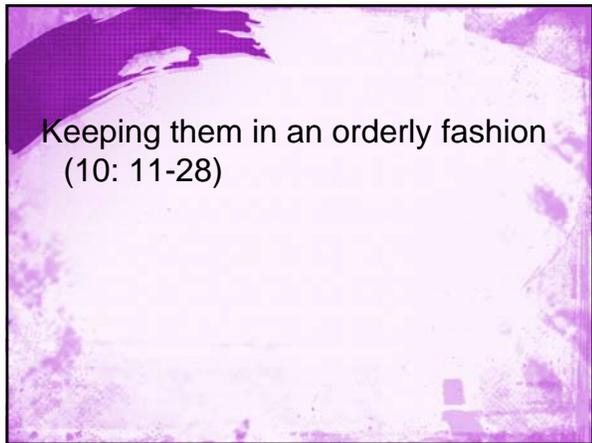
**“No Wagon” is
a sign of
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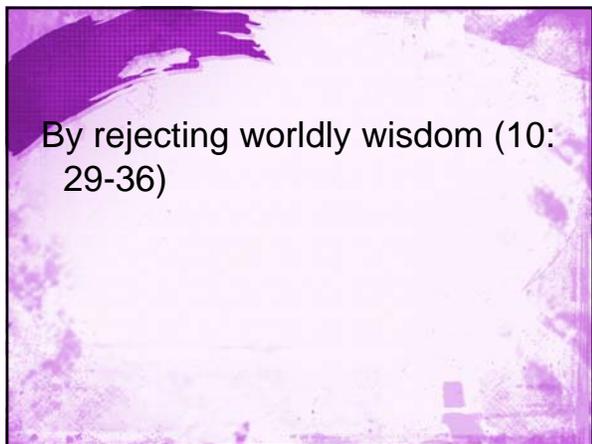
The Wilderness Experience
I. God Leads His People by:

Giving them Wisdom in Problems
(9: 1-14)

Giving them Direction in their daily
walk (9:15-23)







God Chastening His People
The people complained and God sent fire to chasten them (11:1-3).

“You don't make progress by standing on the sidelines, whimpering and **complaining**. You make progress by implementing ideas.”

Realize that if you have time to whine and complain about something then you have the time to do something about it.
- Anthony J. D'Angelo, *The College Blue Book*

Every one must see daily instances of people who complain from a mere habit of complaining.
- [Richard Graves, the Younger](#)

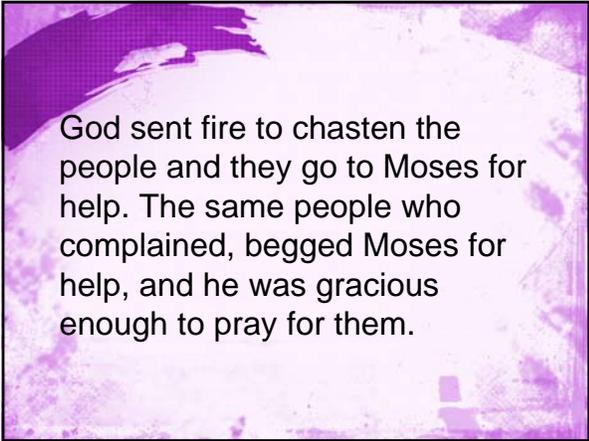
• Complaint is the largest tribute heaven receives.
- [Jonathan Swift](#)

It is worthy of notice, however, that the discontent seems to have been confined to the extremities of the camp, where, in all likelihood, “the mixed multitude” [see on Ex 12:38] had their station.

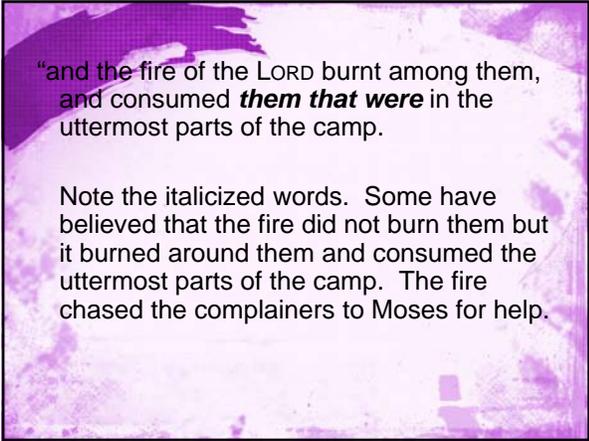
Mixed multitude (Ex. 12:38), a class who accompanied the Israelites as they journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, the first stage of the Exodus. These were probably miscellaneous hangers-on to the Hebrews, whether Egyptians of the lower orders, or the remains of the Hyksos as some think. The same thing happened on the return of the Jews from Babylon (Neh. 13:3), a "mixed multitude" accompanied them so far.

Mixed Multitude does not necessarily refer to people who were mixed by blood. This reference is to a group (multitude) of people who were of different nationalities (mixed) than Israel. These people had also been slaves in Egypt but when Israel left in the Exodus, they followed.

The complaining likely begin among the mixed multitude and the children of Israel who were in the "uttermost parts" (outskirts) of the camp. It would have been common for this group to stand back from the rest of the crowd and normally this crowd is the first to complain.



God sent fire to chasten the people and they go to Moses for help. The same people who complained, begged Moses for help, and he was gracious enough to pray for them.

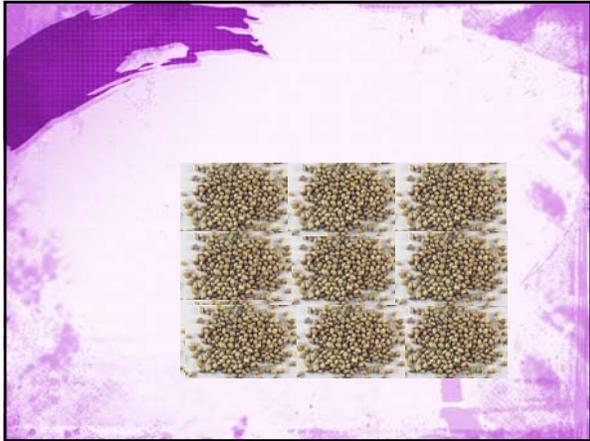


“and the fire of the LORD burnt among them, and consumed *them that were* in the uttermost parts of the camp.

Note the italicized words. Some have believed that the fire did not burn them but it burned around them and consumed the uttermost parts of the camp. The fire chased the complainers to Moses for help.



The people lusted and God provided flesh for them (11:4–35).



- **bdel-li-um** (d l - m)
- *n.*
- An aromatic gum resin similar to myrrh, produced by certain Asian and African shrubs or trees of the genus *Commiphora*.

In taste it is said to have been like “wafers made with honey” (Ex 16:31), and here to have the taste of fresh oil. In their frustrations, they beat it and complained that it tasted like fresh oil. Whenever we are left with something that we don’t want, our minds can make it undesirable.



