

# TEMKIT FOR CHILDREN

## TEMKIT'S MISSION:

**To provide Bible based, true reading material for children and youth.**

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Very few children and teens these days know very much about what their Bibles really say. If you are a careful TEMKIT reader, then you probably know more about the Bible, prophecy, history and true science than most young people and a lot of adults also. Jesus wants us to study and know His truth!

Many lies are being told to people these days, even in the churches! It is sad that boys and girls are often taught wrong things by big people who ought to know better. It is important for you to get to know the truth so you don't get fooled by Satan's lies! God Bless you as you learn His Truth!

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### CREATION CORNER

#### History of Evolutionary Theory 2

The evolutionists want to remove God from people's lives, and substitute evolution. But those who accept their ideas are not as happy. Evolution teaches savagery. It says that only the nastiest creatures, down through the ages, have succeeded. This is a horrible teaching to give to people. Yet it is taught in schools and put in text-books.

Evolution teaches theories, which have no scientific evidence backing them. Yet, as soon as Charles Darwin wrote his book, Origin of the Species, in 1959, men tried to get every one to accept it.

But several good men warned people that, if the world accepted Darwin's ideas, it would lead to wickedness and warfare. And this is what has happened. Standards and morals have been lowered, and wars have resulted. Historians tell us that both World War I and II were caused by evolutionists and their beliefs.

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Evolution teaches that man is only a beast, and not responsible for what he does. It is interesting that this is also exactly what Satanism teaches. According to evolutionary theory, there are no standards and no right or wrong. Sigmund Freud, Arthur Conan Doyle, and George Bernard Shaw were all evolutionists. People read their books and study their ideas, when they should have nothing to do with these men.

Many leading businessmen have been evolutionists. They have tried to crush other businesses, so they themselves could get ahead. Evolution has even entered the churches. It is called "Theistic evolution," and is the teaching that the world evolved over millions of years. But that is an error. It is not creationism.

The world's oldest and first history book is the book of Genesis. It explains that the world was created in six real days. We call it Creation Week.

Before that time, there was no one alive in our world. In fact, there was no planet here before then! Our world and everything in it was made during that week. It is not true that there were long ages of killing before Adam and Eve were made.

According to evolutionary theory, there is no right and there is no wrong; there is no Jesus and no devil. There is only evolution. Each creature does anything he likes—and, as he does it, he is improved and evolves upward. Everything is chance action, and everybody can forget about “right” or “wrong”. Everything that a creature does, improves his lot, that is, if he is selfish enough.

Evolutionary theory teaches utter selfishness: A man only helps himself, if he is quicker to step on others than they are to step on him. Only then can his upward evolution be better than the people around him, whom he has crushed as he moved higher. The increase in crime since Darwin’s time has been great. Murder, lawlessness, robbery, and every other evil activity are quite alright, according to evolutionary theory.

Creationism teaches that the Creator God, who is a kind, loving God, created this world and everything in it in six days. Creation Week occurred only a few thousand years ago. The Genesis Flood occurred less than 2,000 years before Jesus was born.

The basic compromising error of evolutionary theorists is to push back the date of this world’s origin to millions or billions of years in the past, and then have life “evolve” through amoebas, tadpoles, and on up to monkeys and man.

Yet such a theory is in total violation of both scientific facts and Christian teachings.

All about us in the world and in the sedimentary strata are evidences, present and past, of the Flood, evidences of the fact that there are no intermediate species. No change from one species to another has ever occurred or is occurring now. This is solid evidence. It is true science. It points to a worldwide Flood and to a divine Creation. But there are also powerful evidences of the fact that Creation occurred over a period of six days! Here are some of these evidences:

1 - The oldest history book in the world, the Bible, tells us that Creation took only six real days from start to finish (Genesis 1 and 2).

2 - In that history book, the Bible, the word, “day,” meant a 24-hour time period; it did not mean

“long ages.” There is no reason to think that it did.

3 - The first week, Creation Week, had seven days in it. Because of that fact, since then, all the nations of earth have had a seven-day week! That fact clearly points out that Creation Week really happened at the beginning.

4 - The languages of mankind agree! In 1886, Willam Mead Jones published a large Chart of the Week. On it are the names of each of the seven days of the week in 160 languages, past and present!

On that chart, the seventh day of the week is almost always called a variation of the word, “Sabbath”. The knowledge of the seventh-day Sabbath in the languages of mankind, down through history, is a powerful evidence that our world was created in six days, followed by a seventh day on which God and man were to rest from labor.

5 - The weekly cycle has never been changed. Therefore, it points back through long centuries to the first week. Because the weekly cycle has never changed, we can know which day is the second day, the fourth day, or the seventh day; going all the way back.

6 - The length of the week on the calendar has never been changed, even though the length of the month and year has. We have the same weekly cycle that existed way back in the beginning of time.

7 - The weekly cycle has no other origin than God Himself. He made it when He made the world. The month is from the moon cycles and the year to the sun cycles, but the week was divinely given us several thousand years ago. The seven-day cycle is totally unique and universal. It is found everywhere in the world.

Not only is a six-literal-day creation taught in Genesis (chapters 1 and 2), but also in Exodus in the Ten Commandments (chapter 20). The Fourth Commandment says: ‘Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God. . For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day and hallowed it:’ (Exodus 20:8-11).

It is God who made everything. How thankful we can be that we can serve such a kind, loving God. = ^ .. ^ =

## TRUE-STORY-TIME

### The Mysterious Mr. Green

I was raised on a country road in what was then the small town of Oshawa. The year was 1939 and it was summertime. I was to go to the house next door in a day or two to take care of three small children while their parents were going on a trip.

On this day, all was still in our house, when there came a gentle knock on the kitchen door just inside the porch. Upon our opening the door, a stranger stood facing me; dressed in a hat, open jacket, shirt, trousers and shoes.

The man looked past me to where my father was sitting in his own special place, from which he could see anyone come into the yard from either direction. But he had not seen the man come up the steps to the porch door.

The man spoke to my father, "My name is Mr. Green. I have a message for your oldest daughter."

My father invited him to enter and called my sister Rose and myself to stand before the man. Rose was one year younger than I was, but at that time was taller and looked older than me, as I was small for my age.

However Mr. Green never gave a glance towards my sister, he looked directly at me and began to speak.

"You are going to be caring for the Wallace children in two days time. You must persuade Mrs. Wallace to also leave the baby at home with you. They are leaving for Huntsville, but the car will go over the bank and be wrecked. No one will be hurt, but if Mrs. Wallace has the baby with her, it will go through the windshield and be killed."

Upon saying this, he again turned to my father and said, "Thank you, I have delivered my message and must go now; Good bye."

Right away I felt an impulse to run to the window to see him leave. To my surprise, he never left the porch. I mentioned this to my father and went and opened the kitchen door to see if he was there. But the porch was empty.

I was bewildered, but my father said, "You weren't watching; he must have gone off the side of the step." I said nothing, but I knew he had not gone through that door. I wondered much about

his message to me.

The next day I went next door and talked Mrs. Wallace into leaving baby Ray home with me. At first she hesitated, then she decided she would rather leave the baby home.

I inquired around to see if any of the neighbors knew a 'Mr. Green', but no one did. I sort of forgot about Mr. Green as I started my job caring for the children and the baby while the Wallace's went on their journey.

Two days later, I was again at home and the children were with me, when there came a knock on the door. I answered, and to my surprise found young Jimmy Wallace standing there, looking very pale.

I said, "Jimmy, what are you doing here? I thought you all went to Huntsville?"

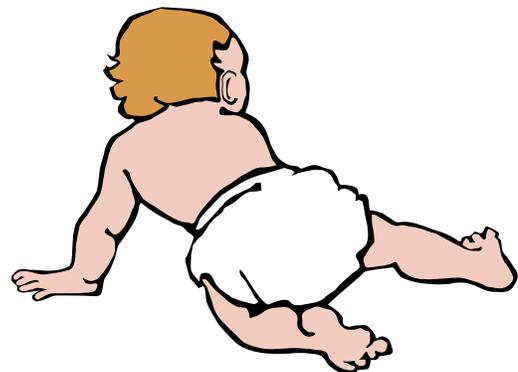
Jimmy replied, "Mom wants the boys. The car went over a steep bank and was wrecked."

"Alright", I said, "Go home and I will bring the children and come right away."

Upon reaching the Wallace home, I listened as Mrs. Wallace told of how the car was wrecked. Then she said, "I can't thank you enough for having me leave Ray with you. If he had been with me, he would have been thrown through the windshield and been killed."

I was amazed and only then remembered Mr. Green and his message.

Years have passed and I have become acquainted with the work of God's Angels. Mr. Green was an angel from God, but I have often wondered was he my angel, or the baby's guardian angel? Only God knows and only eternity will tell the story. Grace Taylor = ^ .. ^ =



## STORY LESSON

### Water Treatments #2

God has placed in the simple things of nature, such things as water, non-poisonous herbs, rest, nourishing food, sunlight, fresh air, and moderate exercise, the elements needed to bring health to our human bodies. Let us thank Him for these simple methods and use them carefully and wisely. Let us dedicate our lives to Him and ever obey His laws of health, for He has given us these blessings because He loves us.

“For the life of the flesh is in the blood.”  
Leviticus 17:11.

What is it that makes you alive? According to the Bible, it is the blood flowing through your body. Your brain and nerves, glands, and internal organs, are all very important. But there is no “Life” intrinsically in any of them. They are only alive because living blood is flowing through them every moment, bathing and nourishing their every fiber, tissue, and cell.

The life is not in your heart, for it is only a fluid pump. Neither is it in your body secretions, limbs, Lymphatic tissue, eyes, or nerve cells. The only life in your body, which imparts life to all your body by a continual drenching process, is in your blood:

“Flesh with the life thereof, shall ye not eat.”  
Genesis 9:4. “Be sure that ye eat not the blood: for the blood is the life; and thou mayest not eat the life with the flesh.” Deuteronomy 12:23.

How does healing come to afflicted parts of your body? Your internal organs, especially your liver, are very important. So also is your brain. But it is the blood that brings the healing to your body. Not only does it contain life, it is also the only means of bringing vital nutrition from your digested food to all of your body parts. And it also brings that spark of life, precious oxygen, without which you would quickly die.

First, let us take a brief look at two of the many important things that are in the blood. This miraculous fluid contains several different types of cells. One is the Red Blood Cell (RBC). This cell, which is the red color of the blood, is the carrier of nutrition and oxygen to every tissue and fiber of your body. And it also takes away carbon dioxide and other waste products. Thus it both nourishes and cleanses. RBC's are so tiny that 3,000 of them could lie side by side in a distance of but one inch. In an amount of blood, smaller than a tiny drop, there are about 4 1/2 to 5 million RBC's.

Then there are the White Blood Cells (WBC). These colorless microdots protect the body against toxins, disease germs and other irritants. Our heavenly Father gave us the RBC's to bring nourishment to the entire system; and He gave us the WBC's to attack and destroy disease wherever it may be found throughout the body. When a person is well, there are normally about 7,000 to 9,000 WBC's in every tiny blood drop. But when infection is present, this increases to 15,000 to 25,000.

There are many types of cells and factors in the blood, but we will not mention them here, even though they are all so important. All in all, there are about 25 trillion blood cells in your body.

As the healing, life-giving blood enters the injured or infected area, it brings nourishment and oxygen. It also brings phagocytes (another name for the White Blood Cells, which means 'eater cells'), which literally gobble up the infection and foreign substances. And the blood also provides the materials with which the body can rebuild the torn, diseased parts in the body.

But there are two limitations to the blood:

(1) There really is not enough of it. Your heart would have to be several times larger than it is, in order to provide you with all the blood you need. This is why you should not swim for thirty minutes after a meal: there is not enough blood to care for initial digestion and muscle activity at the same time.

It is the same when there is a problem in part of your body: You need more blood, or a quicker flow of blood than normal, in order to bring healing. In connection with this, keep in mind that, at any given time, at least one quarter of all the blood in your body is in your lungs. What is it doing there? It is rapidly moving past the 1,200 square yards of lung surface area in order to receive a fresh supply of oxygen. Every second, 2 trillion blood cells pass by the air chambers of the lungs. But it still means that one-fourth of your body's five quarts of blood are in the lungs, being refreshed there.

(2) The blood has a tendency to congest, or pool, in a damaged or infected part of your body. The result is a clogging up of too much blood in one place. The blood circulation to that part has slowed and the pooled blood has less ability to nourish and heal.

So, we need to bring larger quantities of blood to the afflicted areas, and we need to move it in and out again more rapidly. We need to loosen up, speed up, and equalize the blood circulation. We

do not want it staying in one area; we want it moving back and forth through the body quickly, for this is what keeps the blood healthy, and full of fresh oxygen from the lungs, and abundant nourishment from the liver and portal vein.

Interestingly enough, as the blood quickens in healthy activity, the bone marrow begins to make more blood than it normally would!

God has provided that carefully-given applications of hot and cold to the body will provide the needed help. But what shall we use to place this hot and cold in contact with the body? The answer, mostly, is water; the most abundant, natural source of hot and cold to be found on our planet. Water: the substance that can retain heat and cold better than any other common element around us. Water: the substance that can cleanse better than anything else in the world.

Water, like blood is a very special gift of God to mankind.

You are about 65 percent water, and this wonderful liquid is a necessity to your life both within your body and outside of it.

Fortunately, water is one of the most common substances on Planet Earth. It covers more than 70 percent of the earth's surface, and fills the oceans, rivers, and lakes, and is in the ground and the air we breathe. = ^ .. ^ =

## MISSION STORY

### 'Dr. Rabbit' The Story of E. B. Hare: 3

(Continuing our story from TEMKIT 2-3-8)

Someone once said three most important qualifications a missionary should have are (1) adaptability, (2) adaptability, (3) adaptability. Eric began immediately to find that out. If he and his bride were to help the Karen people, not only must they learn a new language, but they must also try to understand the Karens' superstitions and more primitive philosophy of life. As spirit worshipers, the Karens explained everything that happened in terms of the activity of spirits that lived in or controlled the forces of nature.

Eric sat beside a patient old man and asked, "What may I do for you?" "I need some eye medicine," he said, pointing to one eye.

"Does it hurt?"

"No, not much, but I can't see out of it."

It was easy to see that the problem was a cataract, and Eric was about to tell the patient he must go to the government hospital in the city for

that. But the old man continued to explain: "Two years ago I had fever. My head was hot, but my feet were cold. Then one day the cold wind in my feet began to travel up my legs. He stood to show with motions how the cold wind went. "At last the cold wind came to the hot wind in my stomach. There was a terrible noise, and I thought I surely would die. But the cold wind kept on coming up and up, through my neck, over my head, and settled in my right eye. It has just gotten worse and worse, until now I can't see out of it at all."

Eric nodded soberly, although it was hard not to look amused.

"And so," the man continued, "I wish you could give me some wind medicine to drive that cold wind out of my eye down through my body, and out of my feet again. People tell me you have good wind medicine here." He was very serious.

The young missionary had to tell the poor fellow that he would have to go to the government hospital in Moulmein, where they had the training and instruments that would take care of the cold wind in his eye. As the truth sank in, the old man turned slowly and went back into the jungle. It was a bitter disappointment, for he had no money and no way to travel so far.

It made Eric's heart ache, too. "I wish I were a real doctor," he said to Nurse Gibbs. "It was hard to tell him that we can't help. He was so disappointed."

"Yes," she agreed, "your heart will ache often, but you will find that we as nurses can take care of at least 90 percent of the ailments of these dear jungle people. Seeing how much they appreciate what we do will make your life here very rewarding.

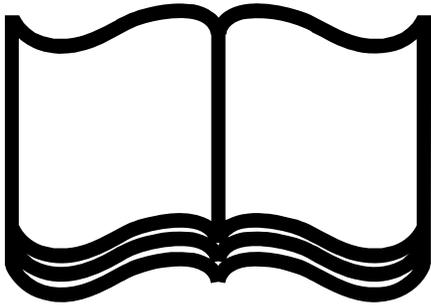
Nurse Gibbs had had six years of experience in running a jungle dispensary; also, she had taken a special course in treating tropical diseases. During the next few weeks Eric learned a great deal that had not been included in his nurse's course. Miss Gibbs taught him to chart, diagnose, and treat diseases common to the jungle, such as malaria, dengue, and relapsing fever. She showed him how to lance boils, sew up wounds, and care for jungle accident cases, even amputating a limb to save a life.

Eric soon discovered that his formal schooling had prepared him only to become educated in the practical school of experience. He was now thrust into the sea of tremendous human need, and for him it was sink or swim. He felt totally inadequate, but he learned quickly and trusted God to help him.

The work was far from glamorous. It might be a baby brought in who was crying with what the mother thought was a toothache, only to find that a tooth was almost rotted away, and when the pieces were removed, to discover three wriggling maggots in the infected area.

Or it might be to answer a frantic call to a village three miles away to treat a man who had been “stung,” only to find that the stung man had one arm nearly torn off at the shoulder, the stinging having been done by an elephant. In the Karen language there is only one word for being stung by a bee or stuck by a pin or gored by an elephant’s tusk.

Learning to care for such unusual cases caused Eric to be happy and excited. Miss Gibbs smiled her approval and encouragement. “You’ll make it, all right. Someday you will be a great jungle doctor.”  
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**Year 2: 3rd Quarter:**  
**“THE AMAZING EXODUS”**  
**WEEKLY BIBLE LESSON 11:**  
**“ON TO CANAAN”**

For our Bible lessons we are going to use the King James Version of the Bible. Just like the boys and girls used to use to learn to read from in the pioneer days. There will be some texts to look up for each day and you should practice your memory verse until you can say it without looking. Don’t forget to learn the text too.

**MEMORY VERSE: “For the LORD thy God walketh in the midst of thy camp, to deliver thee, and to give up thine enemies before thee; therefore shall thy camp be holy: that he see no unclean thing in thee, and turn away from thee.” Deuteronomy 23:14**

### Sunday

**Text: Numbers 2:1-2 “And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, Every man of the children of Israel shall pitch by his own standard, with the ensign of their father’s house: far off about the tabernacle of the congregation shall they pitch.”**

The Children of Israel had been camped at Sinai for about a year now. They had begun to feel at home there. They had settled into a pattern of life. In the morning they gathered the Manna and now there were also the morning services of the sanctuary.

The working days of the week saw the people busy in different tasks in their tents and in the camp. There was always housework and cooking and washing up to do. There were vast flocks of sheep and goats and herds of cattle to care for. Also there was the task of keeping the camp neat, clean and in order.

Under God’s direction they had everything in perfect order. It was a simple arrangement, but very good. Each tribe camped in a certain part of the area and each family camped in a certain part of that tribe’s area. They had standards, (flags) with the tribal symbol on them to mark their areas.

This simple order prevented a lot of unhappiness that would have happened if the people just rushed into a new camp and fought over who was going to put their tents in the best places, and it was all messy and untidy so if you came home after being out with the sheep, you would not know where to find your family tent to get your supper.

Neatness, cleanliness and order are always good for us. Our sinful, selfish hearts often think it is better to just do things however we feel like, but God knows that this always leads to great unhappiness. Can you imagine how nasty and smelly it would get with more than a million people out there and no bathrooms? YUK! That is why God taught them how to be clean and keep everything nice and fresh in their camps.

**Thought** – As our memory verse says, God likes us to have our areas clean and neat. Being messy seems to be more popular these days and that just shows how far people are going away from God. Start today and keep your area clean and neat.

## Monday

**Text: Numbers 1:1,2 “And the LORD spake unto Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the tabernacle of the congregation, on the first day of the second month, in the second year after they were come out of the land of Egypt, saying, Take ye the sum of all the congregation of the children of Israel, after their families, by the house of their fathers, with the number of their names, every male by their polls.”**

There was another job that God had Moses do for the people at Sinai. The people were all counted according to their tribes and families. Where they were camped, it was only about eleven days journey to come to the borders of Canaan, the land God had promised to give them. So they needed to know how many people there were so the land could be divided up fairly when they got there.

At Sinai also, Moses had set up a system of helpers and rulers of the people so they could help with keeping things happy and orderly. If someone had a problem with someone else, they could go and lay the problem before the family or tribe's rulers.

The laws, that were to be used to decide what was right and what was not right, were only the laws that God had given them. If there was something they were not sure about, either the High Priest or Moses, who was a prophet, would pray and ask God how to solve it, and they would do as God directed. Nobody was there making up rules just so they could be bossy.

God's laws are always for the best and for the happiness of His creatures. We can also live with God's wisdom to guide us. We can read and obey the Bible with the power that Jesus gives to us, if we ask for it. We can also read and learn from the wonderful Spirit of Prophecy books that God has given to be our special help in these days when the world is going into more and more wickedness.

After all this counting and order was all put in place, the camp of Israel was a wonderful place to live. Right in the center was the beautiful sanctuary tent with the cloudy pillar over it in the day and at night it was a fire to light the camp enough so people did not have to stumble around in the dark.

Nobody camped close to the sanctuary, all the tents were well back and it stood in a large clear place, so all could see it. Moses and the priests camped next to the sanctuary, then the Levites,

divided into the 3 families of Levi's 3 sons. Then the other tribes had their places, so the camp was a huge hollow square. All the tents were in rows, with paths between, and it looked like a lovely tent city.

*Thought* – We should also make all our decisions based on what God's Word says and His laws. If we do that, we will be ever so much happier than if we just do what we feel like!

## Tuesday

**Text: Numbers 9:18-20 “At the commandment of the LORD the children of Israel journeyed, and at the commandment of the LORD they pitched: as long as the cloud abode upon the tabernacle they rested in their tents. And when the cloud tarried long upon the tabernacle many days, then the children of Israel kept the charge of the LORD, and journeyed not. And so it was, when the cloud was a few days upon the tabernacle; according to the commandment of the LORD they abode in their tents, and according to the commandment of the LORD they journeyed.”**

The cloud had not moved for over a year and now the cloud arose and the Israelites knew they were to journey on. They were excited about this, as they hoped they would soon reach the Promised Land and have real homes and gardens again. But they also felt a little sad to leave the Mountain where they had got to know God better and received so many blessings.

When they had come out of Egypt they were a lawless bunch of slaves, now because of what God had given them, they were an organized nation, with wise laws and a God guided government.

At the signal they quickly got ready to travel. And because everybody knew just what their job was and did it, this was done without any fighting or confusion. Always remember that disorder is the mark of Satan's government. He always tries to fool us into believing the lie that good things come by accident, or by everybody 'doing their own thing'.

Now that they were all ready to march they watched the cloud to see which way it was going to go. They felt worried and sad when they saw that it turned east towards some gloomy mountains. They started out bravely, but after three days of struggling over rough ground and desert area, some complaints began to be heard.

It was interesting that there was with the Children of Israel a large group called the 'mixed multitude'. These were people who were not Israelites, neither did most of them even worship God. They were heathens and Egyptians, who had come along out of curiosity or who hoped to get rich.

God did not tell them they could not come; He never refuses anyone who wants to be with His people. But they were not allowed to camp in the main part of the camp, they had their place on the outside edges. If they did decide to serve God fully, their grandchildren would be part of Israel.

It was always in this group that trouble started. And now sure enough, they began to complain and they started to cry for flesh meat to eat. They said they were tired of this Manna everyday. Now it was a wonder that God didn't say, "Alright, then do without!" But God is so very patient!

**Thought** – The diet mostly of Manna that God gave the people was so good for them that nobody got sick! The whole food, plant based diet God gave us will keep us healthy too, if we follow it wisely and faithfully.

### Wednesday

**Text: Psalm 78:18-21** "They tempted God in their heart by asking meat for their lust. Yea, they spake against God; they said, Can God furnish a table in the wilderness? Behold, He smote the rock, that the waters gushed out, and the streams overflowed; can He give bread also? can He provide flesh for His people? Therefore the Lord heard this, and was wroth."

Soon others started joining into the complaining started by the mixed multitude and before you knew it many were grumbling and criticizing Moses for taking them that way, even though they knew the Cloud was leading them.

All of a sudden, fire from the Lord began to hit the camp. It burned up some of the mixed multitude, who were the worse complainers. They people were afraid and called for Moses to save them. They all knew they were wrong and had guilty hearts, so they thought they were about to be all burned up. Moses prayed to God and the fire stopped.

Now you would think they would learn from this, but no, before long the rest of the mixed multitude started complaining again and crying that they wanted meat to eat.

Numbers 11:4-6 "And the mixt multitude that was among them fell a lusting; and the children of Israel also wept again, and said, Who shall give us flesh to eat? We remember the fish, which we did eat in Egypt freely; the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlick: But now our soul is dried away: there is nothing at all, beside this manna, before our eyes."

Soon they were all standing in the doors of their tents crying like a bunch of spoilt children! God was displeased and Moses was so sad. He feared that the whole camp would be destroyed.

It was a terribly wrong thing that they were doing. Here God was sending them food by a miracle to feed them every day, and they were all grumbling that it wasn't good enough. Angel's food wasn't good enough for them!

Satan knew that if he could get the people grumbling and wanting to eat meat, that he could get them into other sins easily.

**Thought** – We must ask Jesus to help us not to want to eat things that are not good for us. To keep on eating the foods that God has told us are not good for us will cause millions to lose out on going to heaven!

### Thursday

**Text: Numbers 11:18-20** "And say thou unto the people, Sanctify yourselves against to morrow, and ye shall eat flesh: for ye have wept in the ears of the LORD, saying, Who shall give us flesh to eat? for it was well with us in Egypt: therefore the LORD will give you flesh, and ye shall eat. Ye shall not eat one day, nor two days, nor five days, neither ten days, nor twenty days; But even a whole month, until it come out at your nostrils, and it be loathsome unto you: because that ye have despised the LORD which is among you, and have wept before him, saying, Why came we forth out of Egypt?"

Even Moses began to halfway complain to the Lord. Not because he wanted meat, but because he was trying to please the people and instead of casting all his worries on the Lord, he was trying to solve the problem himself. If he would not have wavered at all in his trust in the Lord, God would have given him all the strength he needed for his work.

But God is so patient with us, and now he gave Moses permission to have 70 elders who God would

choose, and they would help him to keep the people in order. This helped for the emergency at the time, but it was not the best idea and later on, it resulted in trouble and rebellion.

God had wanted that there would be just the one 'leader', Moses, and he would get his power and instruction direct from God. But God sometimes lets us have our own ideas, even if He sees they are not as good. This is one of the ways He helps us to learn that His ways are always best.

Now Moses was wondering how God was going to give them enough meat to last for a whole month like He had said. And God rebuked Moses and told him; "Is the LORD'S hand waxed short? thou shalt see now whether my word shall come to pass unto thee or not." Numbers 11:23. It was not right for Moses to doubt God!

Now the 70 elders were called before the Tabernacle and God put a special gift of the Holy Spirit on them. Two of them had felt they were not worthy to be chosen and they did not come, but they received the gift anyway and they prophesied.

Someone came to Moses and was worried that these people should not be allowed to prophesy. But Moses was not at all jealous. He said, "Are you jealous for me? I wish that all the people were prophets and God would put His Spirit on them!"

The people were given some time to repent of their wicked complaining and some did, but many did not. That evening a wind came up and blew, and many thousands of small chicken-like birds called quails, were blown into the camp.

**Thought** – Moses was not at all jealous of others; jealousy and envy are terrible sins that cause unhappiness and trouble wherever they are found!

### Friday

**Text: Numbers 11:31,32 "And there went forth a wind from the LORD, and brought quails from the sea, and let them fall by the camp, as it were a day's journey on this side, and as it were a day's journey on the other side, round about the camp, and as it were two cubits high upon the face of the earth. And the people stood up all that day, and all that night, and all the next day, and they gathered the quails: he that gathered least gathered ten homers: and they spread them all abroad for themselves round about the camp."**

All that day and night and the next day they killed and gathered these birds. Some they cooked

to eat right away and most they prepared to dry so they would keep. It was truly enough for a whole month.

But God was not pleased with their lustful appetites. They were acting more like beasts than God's children! Some of the worse complainers died while the meat was still in their mouths, before they could even swallow it.

Many others just cooked up piles of birds and ate and ate like pigs. These ones ended up getting sick from a plague and many died. God let them have what they had clamored for, but it was far from good for them.

If the people ate just a reasonable amount of quail and kept some for later, they were OK and did not die of the plague. But everyone who feasted like a glutton got sick and died. Probably the smell of all that dead meat drying in the sun, all over the camp, was sickening as well.

In our day also, eating flesh meat is just not wise or safe. There is so much disease among the poor animals because the greed of man is causing horrible cruelty to them. Those who really love Jesus and want to serve Him will not want to eat pieces of poor dead animals.

They gave that place a big name; Kibroth-hattaavah; this means "Where we buried those who lusted for flesh".

**Thought** – We will never know real, lasting happiness, until we come to learn that what God says is always right and best for us. Only in humbly obeying God will we have the best life here and eternal life to come. = ^ .. ^ =

