

PRAISING OUR WAY OUT OF COMPLAINING



Psalm 95:1-11

I. Complaining will harden your heart if you let it (v.7b-9).



- What did the Israelites do at Meribah and Massah (Exodus 17:1-7)?
- What happens to the heart of a complainer?
- How long was God bothered by their complaining? (Hebrews 3:7-11)

II. Complainers allow their hearts to go astray (Psalm 95:10).



- If you really know the ways of God, what reasons do you have for complaining?
- What can you do that will help you to better know the ways of God?

III. Complainers rob themselves of God's rest (Psalm 95:11).



- How adamant is God about refusing His rest to complainers? (Hebrews 4:3-11)
- How serious are we about resisting the urge to complain?

IV. Singing and shouting praise to the LORD protects us from complaining (v.1-5).



- How can the singing and shouting of praise to God help protect our hearts?
- Are you singing and shouting praise to God more often than you complain?

**Come, let us sing to joy to the LORD;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.**

**² Let us come before him with thanksgiving
and extol him with music and song.**

**³ For the LORD is the great God,
the great King above all gods.**

**⁴ In his hands are the depths of the earth,
and the mountain peaks belong to him.**

**⁵ The sea is his, he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.**

-Psalm 95:1-5

V. Worship to God protects our hearts from complaining (v.6-7a).



- What happens when you really kneel before God in worship?
- How well do you know that we are the people of His pasture?

Call to Action: To praise and worship away our complaining.



- When have we allowed our hearts to be hardened by complaining?
- How has complaining kept you from knowing the ways of God?
- How often does complaining rob you of rest?
- How will the singing out of praise help us?
- How will devoted hearts of worship help to protect us from complaining?

-How can we help?