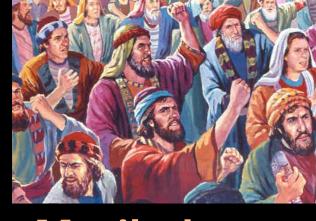
PRAISING OUR WAY OUT OF COMPLAINING



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?