

REMEMBER

Numbers 11:5 and Exodus Chapters 12-14

**“We REMEMBER the fish which we ate freely in Egypt, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions and the garlic.”
(Numbers 11:5)**

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Exodus Chapters 12 to 14 speak of the deliverance of the children of Israel from their bondage as slaves in Egypt and harsh treatment they were receiving in that situation. Standing at the edge of the Red Sea, with the Egyptian army fast pursuing them, Moses said to the people, in Exodus 14:13;

“Do not be afraid. Stand still and see the salvation of the LORD, which He will accomplish for you today... The LORD will fight for you and you shall hold your peace.”

Exodus 14:16-31 shows our miracle-working God, delivering them from the pursuing army by opening up the Red Sea, that the Israelites might cross over on dry land, “*and the waters were a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.*” (Exodus 14:22)

Exodus 15 records the Israelites all safe on the other side, rejoicing in song at their God-given deliverance as the waters returned over the pursuing enemy. God instructs them to “*diligently heed the voice of the LORD your God and do what is right in His sight...*” (15:26)

After a time of rest at the Elim oasis, to which God graciously led them, they journeyed on. But, then, turning from the Exodus chapters to Numbers 11:4-6, a different story unfolds.

They speak of ‘remembering’, but their remembering took the form of grumbling and of unthankful complaining. They spoke of remembering the fish, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the

onions and the garlic, and grumbled ungratefully about the manna that God was supplying daily.

They grumbled, choosing to forget the torments, the hardships and ill treatment they had experienced in Egypt. They were comparing their 'today' with the past and neglecting to appreciate and value God's place and God's provision for their today!

This kind of remembering was destructive rebellion against God, dishonouring to Him and bringing not joy, but harmful dissatisfaction to themselves. Speaking of these happenings and the subsequent consequences in 1 Corinthians 10: 1-12, we are told:

*“Now all these things happened to them as examples,
And they were written for our admonition...(v. 11)”*

May the cry of my heart be,

“Oh dear Father, may my REMEMBERING be always
with thankfulness for Your place and Your provision for
me today.”