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Num.21: 4-9; Jn.3: 14-15; Heb.12: 1-2

The Children of Israel sinned in the wilderness by murmuring against God and Moses. We should avoid the sin of murmuring and complaining also - **1Cor.10: 9-10.**

Apart from murmuring and complaining, we should avoid sin generally

They murmured and complained because they looked back. We must avoid looking back at any time also as this can cause discouragement to set in

They complained about food and drink and forgot that some don't even have food at all. We must learn to be grateful - whatever our condition - **1Thess.5: 18.**

Gratitude will open the door of blessings. When we thank God for what He has given us then, He will give us more - **Lk.19: 17.**

Their sin grieved God and He punished them. He sent snakes that started to bite them and many died. Sin always brings death (physical & spiritual) - **Ezek.18: 4.**

However, when we err, we should not run away from God but run back to Him. He always has solutions - **2Chron.7: 14; Prov.28: 13; 1Jn.1: 9.**

We should learn from the prodigal son and return to God, our Heavenly Father before it is too late - **Jn.15: 11-32.**

No sin is beyond God. God forgives all sins except for blasphemy against the Holy Ghost - **Matt.12: 31-32.**

God has no problems but only solutions - He can raise the dead back to life (Physical & spiritual) - **Jn.11: 25.**

Thank God for Moses who prayed for the people. Thank God much more for Jesus Christ our Advocate before the Father - **Heb.7: 23-25; 1Jn.2: 1-2.**

There are other repercussions of sin also. Sin breeds sickness (all kinds) shame and sorrow also.

Jesus gives divine healing and divine health instead of sickness. Many sick came to Jesus and were healed - **Lk.4: 40.** Healing is available for the sick now also if we look up to Jesus, our Healer - **Isa.53: 5; Matt.4: 23-24.**

Jesus gives beauty for ashes and joy instead of shame and sorrow also. Many whose heads were bowed in shame and sorrow and were delivered - **Isa.61: 1-3.**

We should not despair but look up to the Lord for deliverance if we are confronted with shame and sorrow e.g. Adam & Eve in **Gen.3** & Adulterous Woman in **Jn.8.** See also **Isa.35: 10; 2Cor.7: 10.**

Conclusion:

Prayer is the major means of looking unto Jesus. Let us make best use of the opportunities we have in looking unto Jesus in prayer - **Jn.3: 14-15; Heb.4: 13-16; 12: 1-2.**