

HOW THANKSLIVING ENDS

Numbers 11:4–34, 1 Timothy 6:6–10 (p. 224, 1850)

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*The rabble began to crave other food
Therefore the place was named Kibroth Hattaavah,
because there they buried the people
who had craved other food.*

Numbers 11:4,34

Lessons from the wilderness

*Now these things occurred as examples
to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did.*
1 Corinthians 10:6 (see Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 1)

Contentment (answers the question, “who’s in charge?”)

But godliness with contentment is great gain. 1 Timothy 6:6 (p. 1850)

The problem with cravings

The rabble with them began to crave other food, and again the Israelites started wailing and said, “If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we ate in Egypt at no cost”

Numbers 11:4-5

- 1) The wrong direction, craving looks back
- 2) The wrong perspective, craving glorifies Egypt → slavery to sin

A word to the rich

People who want to be rich fall into temptation and a trap and many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. 1 Timothy 6:9-10

Staying thankful

*When the Lord your God brings you into the land . . . then when you eat and are satisfied, be careful that you do not forget the Lord, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.
Deuteronomy 6:10-12*

1) REMEMBER my story (Deuteronomy 6:20-22) → telling my story of deliverance)

2) Live GENEROUSLY (Proverbs 21:25-26, 2 Corinthians 9:8)

3) The secret is JESUS! (Philippians 4:10-13)

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 1 CQ & A 1

Q1. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own,¹ but belong— body and soul, in life and in death—²
to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.³

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,⁴ and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.⁵
He also watches over me in such a way⁶ that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Father in heaven;⁷ in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.⁸

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life⁹
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.¹⁰

¹ 1 Cor. 6:19-20 ² Rom. 14:7-9 ³ 1 Cor. 3:23; Titus 2:14 ⁴ 1 Pet. 1:18-19; 1 John 1:7-9; 2:2

⁵ John 8:34-36; Heb. 2:14-15; 1 John 3:1-11 ⁶ John 6:39-40; 10:27-30; 2 Thess. 3:3; 1 Pet. 1:5

⁷ Matt. 10:29-31; Luke 21:16-18 ⁸ Rom. 8:28 ⁹ Rom. 8:15-16; 2 Cor. 1:21-22; 5:5; Eph. 1:13-14

¹⁰ Rom. 8:1-17

Q2. What must you know to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

A. Three things: first, how great my sin and misery are;¹
second, how I am set free from all my sins and misery;²
third, how I am to thank God for such deliverance.³

¹ Rom. 3:9-10; 1 John 1:10 ² John 17:3; Acts 4:12; 10:43

³ Matt. 5:16; Rom. 6:13; Eph. 5:8-10; 2 Tim. 2:15; 1 Pet. 2:9-10