

## Communion Meditation – In the Wilderness

Numbers 11.4-34

Graves of Craving

December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014

### Lack of Contentment

- This is the 10<sup>th</sup> message in the Wilderness series
- They'd just been rebuked by fire for complaining about a 3 day march
- Now **v4** says they yielded to an intense craving for meat
- And manna – though wonderful (**v7-8**) and miraculous (**v9**) – is despised (**v6**)
- Discontent affects even Moses (**v11-15**) and he asks God to kill him (**v15**)

### God Addresses Complaints of Leadership & Meat

- God puts His Spirit upon 70 elders (**v16-17**)
- God promises them meat for a month (**v18-20**) but that they'll hate it
- Moses openly doubts God – seeing only the challenge (**v21-22**)
- But God rebukes Moses for his faithlessness (**v23**)
- Yet Moses acts in obedience calling 70 leaders (**v24-30**)

### God Sends Quail then a Plague

- God covers the ground 3 feet high with fluttering quail
  - A day's journey is perhaps 10 miles ~315 square miles of quail
  - This could have been billions of quail
  - **!!!**: Geico commercial ~ Man wishes for a million bucks (*gets deer*)
- The Bible refers to physical means (e.g., *wind*) but no less miraculous . . .

### The Wilderness Series ~ What's it About?

- Giving in to temptation vs. Overcoming temptation
  - **Read 1 Cor 10.1-13** ~ “**God is faithful..**”

God's plan for each of us guides us down specific paths through life

Our paths all differ but our experiences depend upon choices we make

1 Cor 10.6 ~ “These things became our examples .. that we should not lust after evil”

v34 ~ “**Kibroth Hattaavah**” ~ literally “**Graves of Craving**”

1 Cor 10.13 ~ “**God is faithful ... and will not allow**”

We must rely upon the strength of Him who overcame evil to be our strength ...