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Psalm 106:13 – 15

“They soon forgot His works; they didn’t wait for His counsel: But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, and tempted God in the desert. And He gave them their request; but sent leanness into their soul.” Psalm 106:13-15

The condition is one of pseudo-spirituality. “Having a form of godliness but denying its power.” (2 Timothy 3:5). Jesus called such spirituality “white *washed* sepulchers” (Matthew 23:27). The epistle of Jude calls it “trees whose fruit is withered, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots.” (Jude 12).

Those who wandered in the wilderness with Moses for forty years tested God again and again. Selfishness bears a terrible fruit. Soon all you can think about or remember is – yourself. You become the focus, the center of your own attention. Even your spirituality becomes an exercise in personal vanity and self-justification. Is this is not danger enough to have the Lord bring His judgment upon you while in this state of mind? It is unthinkable! When selfishness is granted its request, the work of death is only freed further and quicker! To be satisfied with your own selfishness is to have a famine of unimaginable proportions in your soul. No wonder this generation died in the wilderness! The Lord is never pleased when people come to such an end.

“Beloved, I wish above all things that you may prosper and be in health even as your soul prospers.” (3 John 2). His great heart of love wants the best for you! But He also knows as a good Father, that He cannot prosper those whose souls are full of selfish lust and desires. The soul that is healthy, the soul that is whole, the soul that is prospering, is in the enviable position to receive all the Lord desires to bestow!

“Lord, may I die to self and be alive to You! As my Shepherd, I look to You alone to “restore my soul” (Psalm 23:4). Lord I’m looking to You to position me to be free to truly prosper in all that I do! In Jesus’ name, amen!”

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