



“Now when the people complained, it displeased the LORD; for the LORD heard it.”  
Numbers 11:1

How is it that people can somehow believe that God does not hear their complaint, or see their sin? How is it that men can devise evil matters within their hearts and not be aware that the Judge has heard every word and seen every thought?

Of course, the man who is not born again, the natural man, is oblivious to the things of God’s Spirit. These spiritual truths are lost upon him; indeed they are foolishness to him. (1Corinthians 2:14). But the perplexing question is, how can a believer, a born again man, be unaware of God’s presence? How is it possible to forget His Maker, his Redeemer?

Jesus said that when the “cares of this age, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things enter in *the heart*, choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful. (Mark 4:19).

What holds our attention? What takes priority within our lives? The apostle Paul stated, “Because, when they knew God, they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful, but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.” (Romans 1:21)

It may be appropriate to take a quick spiritual inventory. Do we complain more often than we offer thanks? Is our mouth full of murmurings or rejoicing? Do our words produce death or life? Remember, the LORD is listening! (Malachi 3:16)