



“ So that place was called Kibroth-hattaavah--" the graves of craving"--because they buried the people there who had craved meat from Egypt.” Numbers 11:34 NLT

The “old man,” the carnal nature, is cunning. Many a saint, believing he has tamed his old nature, has been taken aback at the rapidity and ruthlessness of its recursion. We have never been called to tame our old nature. The sentence is death by crucifixion. Reform school, no matter how popular with modern society, will not work on such a hardened “criminal”. Crucifixion must be observed and strictly administered lest in an unsuspecting moment you are caught off guard and the carnal side arises to fulfill his lust and sinful, hateful ambitions!

A lifetime of labor and endeavor can in an unguarded moment be lost forever, because the passions, lusts, and ambitions of the carnal nature have not been dealt with ruthlessly! A brief “yielding to cravings” cost many their lives in the wilderness. We are no different today. “For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.” (Romans 8:6).

Friend, every day the choice of life and death is before us. Let us choose wisely, “for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.” (Romans 8:13).