

I Won't Complain

Philippians 2:10-16 (KJV) - ¹⁰ That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; ¹¹ And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. ¹² Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. ¹³ For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. ¹⁴ Do all things without murmurings and disputings: ¹⁵ That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; ¹⁶ Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.

Giving Honor to God the Father, the Son (Jesus Christ), and the Holy Spirit. To All of God's Sons, Daughters, and Children. Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow Big Bethel Nation. Let's turn to Philippians 2:10-16 (KJV) as we lift up the Name of the Lord. The sermon topic is "I Won't Complain."

God has given us Jesus, a name above every name, and raised Him up to the heights of heaven, such that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow in heaven and on earth and under the earth. Every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father. The Apostle Paul is teaching the believers to always be careful to follow sound doctrine. He had spent time teaching and instructing them how to conduct themselves as believers when he was present with them. Now that he is away from them, he shares that they must be even more careful to do the good things that result from being saved, obeying God with reverence, and avoiding things that would displease the Lord. The Apostle stresses that God is at work within us, helping us to obey him, and helping us in our walk with the Lord. In verse 14, he says that in everything we do, stay away from complaining and arguing.

One of the great sayings of the late Rev. Harold Sidberry was "I Won't Complain." This saying is also one of the great testimonies of our culture and our Church. As a people we have come through dangers seen and unseen, but the Lord has brought us through the storm and the rain.

Oftentimes I reflect on the Israelites journey from Egypt to the Promised Land, by way of the Wilderness as shared in the book of Numbers Chapter

11. This chapter begins with the Israelites complaining. They complained about their misfortunes and the Lord heard them. His anger flared out against them because of their complaints, so the fire of the Lord began destroying those at the far end of the camp. The people screamed to Moses for help, and when he prayed for them, the fire stopped. The reality is that soon after the Israelites left Egypt, they complained that they didn't have enough food. In fact, they said it would be better to be slaves in Egypt than to starve in the wilderness. To teach the Israelites to trust Him, the Lord sent bread from heaven for them to pick up each day.

They complained about the manna God had given them, dwelling in the past, wishing they were still in slavery in Egypt because there, they had meat. They complained about the leadership God had put into position, and they complained that they were not strong enough to enter the promised land. God answers their complaint for meat in Chapter 11 as He sends a superabundance of quail to the people, that ends up poisoning them due to gluttony. Their demand for water provokes Moses to act and speak in a way that dishonors God and ultimately disqualifies him from entering the promised land.

1 Corinthians 10:10 teach us that complaining (murmuring) against God and His dealing brings about destruction. What should we do? Trust in the Lord.

Yes, Trust in the Lord with all of our hearts and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. (Proverbs 3:5-6)

We've come through Covid-19 and various types of sickness and disease, but God has brought us through and has been our doctor in the sick room and "I Won't Complain."

Like many of you, I had some hardships, disappointments, and some can't help it's, but God has made a way out of no way, and "I Won't Complain."

Some may not have everything that they'd like in the refrigerator, but Thank God we got a refrigerator and "I Won't Complain."

Can anybody testify that they've been through a lot? But thanks be to God. Because you don't look like what you've been through. You ought to throw your head back and open up your mouth and say "I Won't Complain."

Why is the Apostle telling the believers not to complain? Perhaps, he wants us to realize the power of trusting in a God that can deliver. He said stay away from complaining and arguing so that no one can speak a word of blame against you. We should live clean, innocent lives as children of God in a dark world full of people who are crooked and stubborn. Shine out among them like a beacon of lights, holding out to them the Word of Life (Phil.2:15-16, The Living Bible).

In closing, I've had some good days. I've had some hills to climb. I've had some weary days, And some sleepless nights. But when I look around, and I think things over. All of my good days outweigh my bad days, I won't complain.

Sometimes the clouds are low, I can hardly see the road.
I ask a question, Lord, Lord, why so much pain?
But he knows what's best for me, although my weary eyes... They can't see.
So I'll just say thank you Lord, I won't complain. The Lord... has been so good to me.
He's been good to me. More than this old world or you could ever be, He's been so good to me.

He dried all of my tears away, turned my midnights into day. So I'll just say thank you Lord.
I've been lied on... but thank you Lord.
I've been talked about, but thank you Lord.
I've been misunderstood, but thank you Lord.
You might be sick, body reeking with pain... but thank you Lord.
The bills are due, don't know where the money coming from... but thank you Lord.
Thank you Lord. Thank you, Lord.
I Won't Complain. Hallelujah Jesus. Amen.