

Murmurings and Disputings

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Our Text

- Phil. 2:14-16 “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.” (KJV)

Two very common sins:

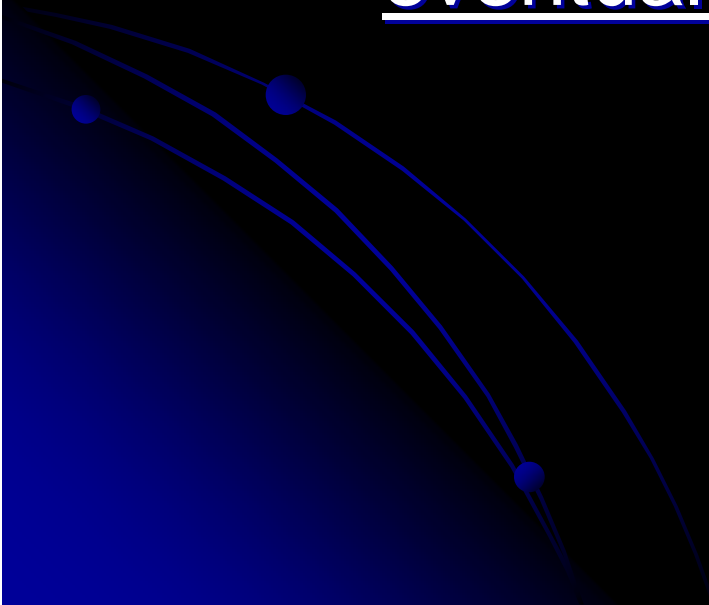
- Murmuring is a muttering sound people make when they are disgruntled. It is a negative response to something unpleasant, inconvenient, or disappointing, arising from the self-centered notion that it is undeserved.

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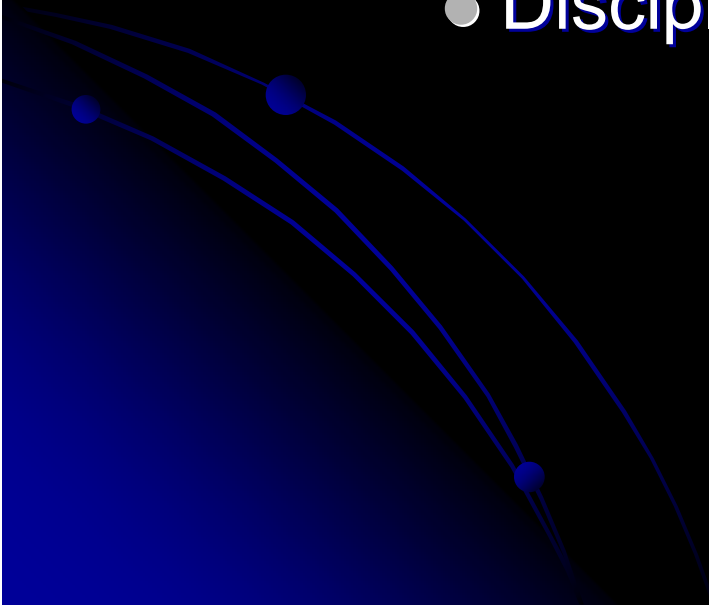
- Disputing is questioning, doubting, or disputing the truth of a matter. In Romans 14:1, the word is used of passing judgment on another believer and in 1 Timothy 2:8 it is rendered “dissension.”

The difference


Whereas **murmuring is essentially emotional, disputing is essentially intellectual.** A person who continues to murmur and grumble against God will eventually argue and dispute with Him.



Murmuring and disputing is not new

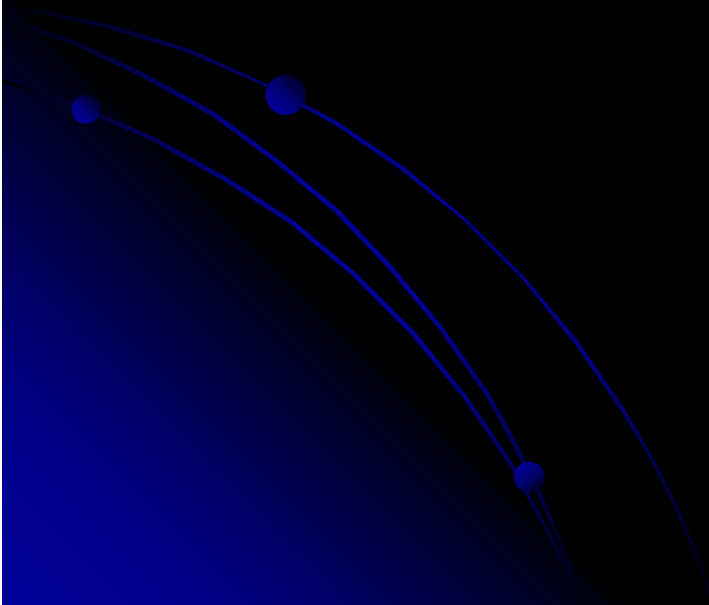
- Bible examples
 - Adam (Gen. 3:12)
 - Moses (Ex. 5:22-23)
 - 10 spies (Num. 13:31-33)
 - Disciples (Jno. 6:53, 60-66)
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Why Not?

- Complaining is a direct assault against God (context)
 - For our own sakes
 - “That you may become *blameless* and *harmless*, children of God without fault”
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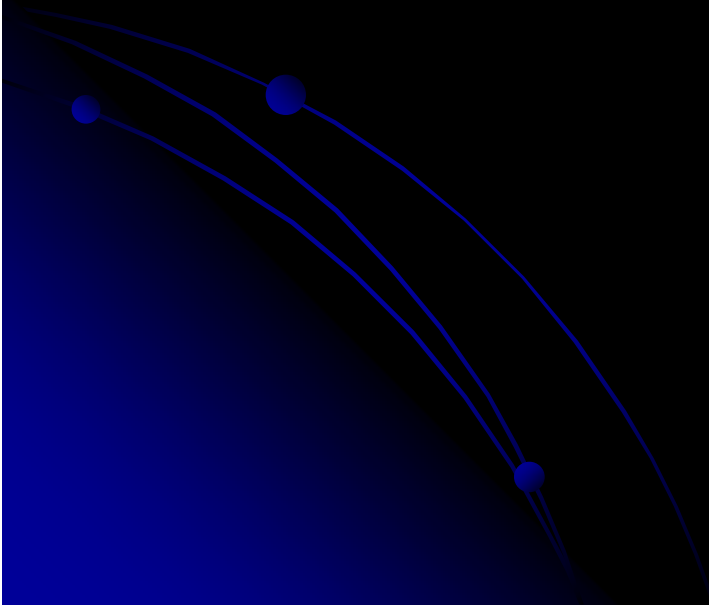
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- For the sake of the unsaved
 - “In the midst of a crooked and perverse nation”



Why Not?

- For the sake of the unsaved
 - “Among whom ye shine as lights in the world”
 - Let your light shine (Matt. 5:14-16)



Why Not?

- For the sake of those that teach
 - “So that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain”
 - Our work will be tested (1 Cor. 3:5-15)
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