



## *Pastor's Comments*

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### **Despising God?**

Recently I preached a series of messages on "**The Sin of Despising the Lord**" from Numbers 11:20 where God says that He was going to give the complaining Israelites in the wilderness what they wanted - meat for "even a whole month, until it come out at your nostrils, and it be loathsome unto you: because that **ye have despised the Lord....**" To despise is "to disdain or look down on." They despised God when they complained about the manna that He was miraculously giving them daily when they should have been thanking God for His provision! They **belittled God** when they should have been **magnifying God!** "O **magnify the Lord** with me, and let us **exalt his name together**" (Psalms 34:3). Just as a magnifying glass lets us see things larger than we normally see them, we need magnification of all aspects of God's character to compensate for our limited human view and small perception of an almighty God! The more of the greatness of God we see this Thanksgiving season, the more we will want to thank and praise Him!

We can be guilty of this sin by **belittling and not believing His promises** of the good things He has chosen for us. "They **despised the pleasant land, they believed not his word**" (Ps. 106:24).

We can be guilty of this sin by **not highly regarding God's commands** as did King David in his sin with Bathsheba in which God charged that he had "**despised the commandment of the Lord**" (2 Samuel 12:9). David's sin revealed his **failure to value God's holy nature**, as seen in God's accusation, "thou hast **despised me**" (v.10).

Don't be guilty of this sin by not valuing (and therefore not accepting) God's only means of salvation - Jesus Christ! "He is **despised and rejected of men... he was despised, and we esteemed him not**" (Isaiah 53:3).

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