

1. We consider how it was caused.
 1. It was caused by the fears of an all-devouring selfishness.
 1. Their vexation was caused not not by the stirrings of a guilty conscience, but by suffering and fleshly loss.
 2. Self-will was as strong in this night of weeping as it was in that day when they proposed to send the spies (Deuteronomy 1:22-27).
 2. The desire to turn back to Egypt was caused by a false report.
 1. How many are terrified by false representations of religion that are as far from the truth as what the spies said of Caanan!
 2. Selfishness was the source of all their weeping, and a false report brought it forth.
2. We consider how this desire was expressed.
 1. It found expression in unjust complaints of their leaders.
 1. Moses and Aaron were neither of them faultless, but their faults were such as to be marked by God, and not by rebellious men.
 2. The desire to turn back found expression in frenzied references to themselves.
 1. "Would God that we had died in the land of Egypt." Verse 2.
 2. "Or, would God that we had died in this wilderness." Verse 2.
 3. "Wherefore hath the Lord brought us into this land, to fall by the sword." Verse 3.
 4. "Why hath God brought us into this wilderness, that our wives and our children should be a prey?" Verse 3.
 5. "Were it not better for us to return into Egypt?" Verse 3.
 6. "And they said one to another, Let us make a captain, and let us return into Egypt." Verse 4.
3. In this we see:
 1. Obstinate disobedience.
 1. They were under law to God through Moses. We are under law to God through Christ and by that...Christ's law...we reach our heavenly Caanan. See 1 Thessalonians 5:1-3; 1 Timothy 6:10-14.

"Follow after
righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

 1. "Fight the good fight of faith." 2. "Lay hold on eternal life." U. 12
 2. Utter madness.
 1. To draw back was to forfeit their fellowship with God. So we today forfeit our fellowship with God and with Christ's church. Luke 9:62. "Remember Lot's wife." Luke 17:32. Hebrews 10:26-29.