

**An Arm too Short to Save? (Numbers 11:4-35)**

**Introduction**

- Where are the Israelites in Numbers 11?
- How long have they been travelling?

**i The Problem (v4-10)**

- Give two reasons why the Israelites' grumbling in v4-6 is very bad.
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- What do you see happening with the Israelites' grumbling by v10?
- What sorts of grumbles might we have?

**ii The Solution Part One (v11-15)**

- What is God's attitude in v10?
- And what is Moses' attitude?
- What does Moses get right in his prayer in v11-15?
- Does he overstep the mark?
- What should you do instead of grumbling?

**iii The Solution Part Two (v11-15)**

- What does Moses get wrong in his prayer in v11-15?

- What always happens when we try to take God's responsibilities upon ourselves?
- What do we need to submit to?
- Why is that always the best way to live?
- How will that stop you grumbling?

#### **iv The Solution Part Three (v16-32)**

- What will v16-32 show us?
- What does it mean in v23 when the Lord asks whether his arm is too short?
- Are our situations ever out of his reach?
- What do we need to keep on preaching to ourselves?
- How does God prove that his arm is not too short in v31-32?
- What happens to our grumbling when we really believe that God is enough?

#### **v The Solution Part Four (v33-35)**

- What does grumbling cause the Lord to do?
- What is the one way of escape from punishment for our grumbling and our other sins?
- How should the cross stop you grumbling if you are a Christian?

#### **Conclusion**

- Which verse tells us the attitude the Lord wants us to have instead of grumbling?