

Psalms 106:14-15 (NLT) In the wilderness their desires ran wild, testing God's patience in that dry wasteland. [15] So he gave them what they asked for, but he sent a plague along with it.

Psalms 106:14-15 (MSG) They only cared about pleasing themselves in that desert, provoked God with their insistent demands. [15] He gave them exactly what they asked for - but along with it they got an empty heart.

Psalms 106:15 (KJV) And he gave them their request; but sent leanness into their soul.

***These are sobering and serious words. As I read these verses several questions came immediately to mind: When I pray what is really my motivation? Am I allowing my desires to run wild? Am I make demands of God based solely on what I want? Do I really want God's will or do I want what I want no matter what? Who am I to make Demands of God?

From: If You Will Ask: Reflections on the Power of Prayer “The way we react during the day will either hinder or help our paying. If we allow a reaction not born of a relationship to Jesus Christ we shall have much wilderness waste to get through before we can come to God.” (Chambers)

PRAYER: Lord God, I don't want "leanness" of soul or an "empty heart". Please help me to keep my focus on YOU. Help me Not to make Demands for myself. Help me to be content and full to overflowing because I belong to You and I know You and I'm growing in my closeness with You. Help me to be able to say with all my heart "Satisfied with Thee Lord Jesus I AM BLESSED".

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