

Moses_8_Manna

Exodus 16

- They aimed their discontent towards their leadership -
- They looked favorably upon their past situation. - Egypt -
- They forgot about their hardship and position of being in slavery -
- They wanted to go back to their old life, way of living, familiar surroundings, patterns of living. -
- They assigned false or mistaken intentions to Moses actions and their situation.
- God sets the record straight - the Israelites grumbings are NOT against Moses but against God Himself
- We don't know what God is doing in any circumstance, because we can only see a portion of the plan, or understand the depths of the complexity of God's plan in the course of history (past, present and future).
- **Jeremiah 29:10-14**
- God was using the situation to teach them their need - not only their **physical needs** for food and water but also their **spiritual need** for daily sustenance in their relationship with God - Daily dependence.
- God was using the situation to teach them their **source** of provision - Our nourishment must come from God
- In addition to their lack of necessary provision, their hearts were revealed.
- Their murmuring is met by God's mercy

The rules for daily manna provision

- Six days a week there will be food every morning.
- Only gather enough for one day.
- On the sixth day, gather twice the amount and it will last through the seventh day.
- The seventh day is to be a day of rest and worship.

Manna is a beautiful picture of Christ as the Living Bread

- It is a type of God's spiritual provision for His people's deeper need in their Christian pilgrimage/walk.
- Our Lord unfolds the mystery of this living bread in *John 6:35*, and teaches us that He Himself is His people's life.

Daily provision of the manna

- The manna needed to be daily renewed.
- We cannot live on former experiences, but must abide in continual fellowship in the source of our life.
- And in the same manner, the Holy Spirit brings to us the fresh supplies each moment of Christ's sustaining life and grace.
- Our daily devoted time with God is important to our spiritual growth and health.
- When the hearts of the people grew carnal, they became weary of the manna; and so the world has no taste for Christ, and the worldly minded Christian takes no delight in fellowship with Him and His Word.
- Manna came from heaven, and God is likewise ever teaching His children that their spiritual life cannot feed on the things of earth, but must be supplied from Himself.
- They feed on men's philosophies, materialism (get all you can, can all you get and sit on the lid), naturalism (Everything can be explained by evolution and the natural laws of the world), sensationalism (the wow factor), sexualism (lust of the fleshly desires), and hedonism (everything that brings pleasure into my life is most important), instead of the pure, sweet, sustaining Word of God.