

Exodus 16:13&f

8/13/17

Sunday Morning

Review: Last week we saw 2 of the problems Israel had

1. **#1.** They didn't know how big God was

a. Even though they needed

- i. Yes, it would take 1500 tons of food per day to feed the people –
- ii. It would take 11,000,000 gal. of water per day if no one took a bath
- iii. Psalmist records Israel doubting God was big enough to feed them

Psalm 78:19 Then they spoke against God; They said, " Can God prepare a table in the wilderness?

Psalm 78:19 (NLT) They even spoke against God himself, saying, "God **can't** give us food in the wilderness.

iv. Feeding 2-3 million people was no big deal to God

Exodus 16:12 "I^(God) have heard the grumblings of the sons of Israel; speak to them, saying, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be **filled** with bread; and you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'"

2. **#2.** Israel didn't **know** what their **destiny** was

a. If they had known God planned on them going to Canaan they wouldn't have worried about perishing in the wilderness

Ex.16:3 The sons of Israel said to them, "Would that we had died by the LORD'S hand in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat, when we ate bread to the full; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

3. We have a destiny also – 3 parts

a. **#1.** To be holy just as He is holy

Ephesians 1:4 (NIV) For He chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.

i. Holiness means being separated (from sin) to God

- b. **#2.** To be an “adult” member of the family of God

Romans 8:28 And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the first-born among many brethren;

(Romans 8:29 (NLT)) For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.)

- c. **#3.** To live in glorified bodies just like His glorified body

Rom.8:30 and whom He predestined, these He also called; and whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

- d. **Our goals** should **match our destiny**

- e. If you **really understood** your destiny – you would never do anything w/ your body that would bring reproach to Christ

- f. That is why Paul wrote **Romans 12**

Romans 12:1 (ESV) I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

***Match your goals with your destiny!**

Ex.16:1 Then they^(Israel) set out from Elim, and all the congregation of the sons of Israel came to the wilderness of **Sin**, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after their departure from the land of Egypt. ^(30 days into journey)

V.2 The whole congregation of the sons of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness.

V.3 The sons of Israel said to them, "Would that we had died by the LORD'S hand in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat, when we ate bread to the full; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." ^(you can't inherit Canaan if you are dead) **V.12 (NP)**

V.12 "I^(God) have heard the grumbings of the sons of Israel; speak to them, saying, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread; and you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'"

V.13 So it came about at evening that the quails came up and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp.

V.14 When the layer of dew evaporated, behold, on the surface of the wilderness there was a fine flake-like thing, fine as the frost on the ground.

V.15 When the sons of Israel saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, "It is the bread which the LORD has given you to eat."

1. "It is the bread which the LORD has given you to eat"

a. We have a **description** of manna in **V.31**

b. How it was prepared in **Numbers 11**

V.31 The house of Israel named it manna, and it was like coriander seed, white, and its taste was like wafers with honey.

Numbers 11:8 The people would go about and gather it and grind it between two millstones or beat it in the mortar, and boil it in the pot and make cakes with it; and its taste was as the taste of cakes baked with oil.

⁹ And when the dew fell on the camp at night, the manna would fall with it.

c. Must have been good – Psalmist called it **angel food**

Psalm 78:22 Because they did not believe in God, And did not trust in His salvation.

²³ Yet He commanded the clouds above, And opened the doors of heaven;

²⁴ And He rained down manna upon them to eat, And gave them food from heaven.

²⁵ Man did eat the bread of angels; He sent them food in **abundance**.

d. If you could package manna you would be rich overnight

i. Perfect food – perfect balance of vitamins, amino acids, protein, fats, sugars, etc.

Deut.8:4 (NP)

Deuteronomy 8:4 (NIV) Your clothes did not wear out and your feet did not swell during these forty years.

- e. Manna was a type of the Lord Jesus Christ
- f. We know this b/c He said do – Here is the setting:
 - i. Jesus & disciples are on N.E. side of Sea of Galilee (Bethsaida)
 - ii. A crowd shows up 5000 men plus women & children
 - iii. Jesus feeds them w/ 5 loaves & 2 fish
 - iv. He discerned that the people were going to force Him King
 - v. He sends disciples to N.E. side of Sea of Galilee (Capernaum)
 - vi. He stays behind to deal w/ the people
 - vii. Christ & disciples end up in Capernaum
 - viii. The people He fed the night before find Jesus & disciples & don't know how He got there (walked on water)

John 6:25 And when they found Him on the other side of the sea, they said to Him, " Rabbi, when did You get here?"

^{V.26} Jesus answered them and said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you seek Me, **not** because you saw signs, but **because** you ate of the loaves, and were filled.

^{V.27} "Do not work for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man shall give to you, for on Him the Father, *even* God, has set His seal."

^{V.28} They said therefore to Him, "What shall we do, that we may **work** the works of God?"

^{V.29} Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the **work** of God, that you **believe** in Him whom He has sent."

^{V.30} They said therefore to Him, " **What then do You do** for a sign, that we may see, and **believe** You? What work do You perform?"

^{V.31} " *Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness*; as it is written, ' HE GAVE THEM BREAD OUT OF HEAVEN TO EAT.'"

- 1. "Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness"
 - a. In other words, "you need to do more than Moses did"
 - b. Jesus explains that the manna represented Him

John 6:32 (NP)

John 6:32 Jesus therefore said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread out of heaven, but it is My Father who gives you the true bread out of heaven.

1. "it is not Moses who has given you the bread...but it is My Father"
 - a. You don't understand – the manna was a picture of Me!

V.33 "For the bread of God is that which comes down out of heaven, and gives life to the world."

V.34 They said therefore to Him, "Lord, evermore give us this bread."

1. "Lord, evermore give us this bread."
 - a. They still didn't get it

V.35 Jesus said to them, " I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me shall not hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.

1. "**I am** the bread of life"
 - a. The Manna represents Jesus Christ (His body to be specific)
 - b. Manna was a picture of Who He is & why He Jesus Christ came

Jn.6:41 The Jews therefore were grumbling about Him, because He said, "I am the bread that came down out of heaven."

V.42 And they were saying, " Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we **know**? How does He now say, ' I have come down out of heaven?'"

V.43 Jesus answered and said to them, "Do not grumble among yourselves.

V.44 "No one can come to Me, unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day.

V.47 "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes **has** eternal life.

V.48 " I am the bread of life.

V.49 " Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died.

V.50 "This is the bread which comes down out of heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die.

V.51 " I am the living bread that came down out of heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he shall live forever; and the bread also which I shall give for the life of the world **is My flesh**."

V.52 The Jews therefore began to argue with one another, saying, "How can this man give us His flesh to eat?"

Jn.6:61 But Jesus, conscious that His **disciples** grumbled at this, said to them, "Does this cause you to stumble?")

*Seeing that the manna represents Christ – let's look at manna at conception

Ex.16:16 "This is what the LORD has commanded, 'Gather of it every man as much as he should eat; you shall take an omer^(approx. 1/2 gallon) apiece according to the number of persons each of you has in his tent.'"

V.17 The sons of Israel did so, and some gathered much and some little.

V.18 When they measured it with an omer, he who had gathered much had no excess, and he who had gathered little had no lack; every man gathered as much as he should eat.

1. "he who had gathered much had no excess, and he who had gathered little had no lack"
 - a. They were to gather only enough for the day
 - b. Apparently family pooled their manna

V.19 Moses said to them, "Let no man leave any of it until morning."

V.20 But they did not listen to Moses, and some left part of it until morning, and it bred worms and became foul; and Moses was angry with them.

1. "some left part of it until morning, and it bred worms and became foul"
 - a. Yesterday's walk won't carry you thru today
 - i. Only in Christianity do people try to eat once a week
 - ii. Believers w/ no walk stink to God – (Church of Laodicea)

V.21 They gathered it morning by morning, every man as much as he should eat; but when the sun grew hot, it would melt.

1. "but when the sun grew hot, it would melt"
 - a. You only have this moment in time
 - b. What time isn't lived for Christ is gone

V.22 Now on the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two omers for each one. When all the leaders of the congregation came and told Moses, V.23 then he said to them, "This is what the LORD meant: Tomorrow is a sabbath observance, a holy sabbath^(1st time word used) to the LORD. Bake what you will bake and boil what you will boil, and all that is left over put aside to be kept until morning."

V.24 So they put it aside until morning, as Moses had ordered, and it did **not** become foul nor was there any worm in it.

V.25 Moses said, "Eat it today, for today is a Sabbath to the LORD; today you will not find it in the field.

V.26 "Six days you shall gather it, but on the seventh day, the sabbath, there will be none."

1. "on the seventh day, the sabbath, there will be none"

- a. Trusting God to be true to His word **is** – living by faith
- b. His grace is always sufficient for whatever comes your way
John 1:16 For of His fulness we have all received,
 and grace upon grace.

*Israelites had hard time trusting what God said V.27

V.27 It came about on the seventh day that some of the people went out to gather, but they found none.

V.28 Then the LORD said to Moses, "How long do you refuse to keep My commandments and My instructions?

V.29 "See, the LORD has given you the sabbath; therefore He gives you bread for two days on the sixth day. Remain every man in his place; let no man go out of his place on the seventh day."

V.30 So the people rested on the seventh day.

V.31 The house of Israel named it manna, and it was like coriander seed, white, and its taste was like wafers with honey.

V.35 The sons of Israel ate the manna forty years, until they came to an inhabited land; they ate the manna until they came to the border of the land of Canaan.

1. You & I are to feed on Him – we are to **think** about Him, **ponder** His **teaching**, **read** His Word, **live** accordingly
 - a. Job was an extremely wealthy man – but wealth never interfered w/ his walk w/ God
Job 23:12 "I have not departed from the command of His lips; I have treasured the words of His mouth more than my necessary food.
 - b. Jeremiah was a young man – but his youth didn't stop him from living for God
Jeremiah 15:16 Thy words were found and I ate them, And Thy words became for me a joy and the delight of my heart; For I have been called by Thy name, O LORD God of hosts.

1 Thessalonians 5:16(ESV) Rejoice always,

17 pray without ceasing,

18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

19 Do not quench the Spirit.

20 Do not despise prophecies,

21 but test everything; hold fast what is good.

22 Abstain from every form of evil.