

Manna Masterclass

CONTENTMENT OR RESENTMENT

When I don't learn how to grow content in God, I learn how to resent God

Thesis

We resist where we should rest because we have a greater passion for past satisfaction than the pursuit of sanctification which leads us to accuse God, complain instead of contend, and fight the wrong fight, so let us contend to find contentment in drawing near to Him & doing everything He says

Exodus 16:

And the house of Israel called its name Manna. And it was like white coriander seed, and the taste of it was like wafers made with honey.

Then Moses said, "This is the thing which the Lord has commanded: 'Fill an omer with it, to be kept for your generations, that they may see the bread with which I fed you in the wilderness, when I brought you out of the land of Egypt.' " And Moses said to Aaron, "Take a pot and put an omer of manna in it, and lay it up before the Lord, to be kept for your generations." As the Lord commanded Moses, so Aaron laid it up before the Testimony, to be kept. And the children of Israel ate manna forty years, until they came to an inhabited land; they ate manna until they came to the border of the land of Canaan. Now an omer is one-tenth of an ephah.

Introduction

Every message has a different start. I say this often because sometimes I think that letting you in on what sparked the message helps you see the significance of what God is wanting to say to us as a people. This weeks started on Monday. Lex and I were taking our sabbath and had gone to one of our favorite spots. The weather was wonderful. Felt great outside, the clouds were covering the sun, but no rain. So I went to pray and just had the idea to lay down on the grass. As I did, my eyes looked up at the new white cloudy background... It was beautiful, but then all of the sudden because of the new backdrop, I recognized something. Little gnats flying everywhere. I sat up because I hadn't recognized gnats before and with the old backdrop they disappeared. So I laid back down and there they were again. And here is what I thought: A new backdrop made me aware of a new battle. Beautiful clouds a battle of tiny gnats. Old background was so loud, distracted, and busy

that the gnats were present but were not perceived. But when the view got simpler, when I focused on the purity of the clouds, when I changed the direction of my life, a new battle emerged.

This is a picture of our salvation... We are saved out of our old backdrop, loud, distracted, busy, unaware of God, into a new backdrop led by God, but as the backdrop changes a new battle emerges. And the battle was always present, but not always perceived. It is the spiritual battle of staying bound or letting God sanctify you.

Salvation is justification and sanctification

Justification = instantly made right by God, in other words - Received

Sanctification = the process of being transformed - Realized

This is the Israelites in Exodus 16

In Exodus 14:13-14, they receive salvation from the Egyptians so they can go to the promise land

In Exodus 16 a month and a half later, they still have received this promise, but it is not realized yet.

Leo Tracking numbers

Every promise of God is already on its way to you. You have received it.

Most of God's promises have to do with WHO YOU ARE BECOMING // SANCTIFICATION
NOT WHAT YOU ARE GETTING // STUFF

You are being formed by faith in the in between.

Right there is where the new battle emerges

The challenge you have to contend with in the process of sanctification is the lies spread by your spiritual enemy

The lie that the enemy uses to try to convince you not to contend

The start of your salvation was the end of your previous satisfaction

The enemy glorifies satisfaction and creates amnesia around the slavery

The old saints use to say this: The devil is a liar

I think we ought to bring back that linguistic term.. The devil is a liar.

BUT GOD

God is not a man that He should lie

You can't go back to Egypt... That enemy is defeated but to realize what you have received it is going to take obedience. So God allows the wilderness because God knows what we all know

A quick fix without a transformed mind in dieting leads to a temporary escape instead of a transformed endurance

same here

Egypt is easy

Egypt is deadly

Egypt formed you to hate slavery

But Egypt also formed you to love comfort and not conviction

And as the old preachers say: God brought you up out of Egypt and now He has gotta get Egypt outta you

Exodus 16:4

So God allows wilderness moments to test us

Tests aren't torment they are teaching

Remind us who is being tested // Not God

When Kids say if you don't _____ then I am going to _____

BOYYYYYYY

Manna Masterclass // What is it // That moment in sanctification.... What is this Lord... Lol after saying no to Astros

Manna teaches us

1. The purpose of our salvation formed
 - a. Scripture // Exodus 16:6-12
 - b. Thought // God is teaching me that my gratitude comes from who is leading me not where I am being led.
 - c. Illustration // Grumbling in marriage and the energy that takes // You are complaining against yourself...
 - d. Let us be a people who use our energy not to grumble, but to be grateful... Because it is gratitude that grows love...
 - i. I am grateful that God saved me
 - ii. I am grateful that He took me up out of my sin sentence
 - iii. I am grateful that He is transforming me
 - iv. I am grateful to be His kid!
 1. God I am grateful!
 - a. If complaining kills intimacy then gratitude grows intimacy
2. The provider of our story formed
 - a. Scripture // Exodus 16:16-18

- b. Thought // God is teaching me that my contentment isn't based on what I possess, but on who my provider is
 - c. School Vouchers
 - d. Remind us that life does not consist of the abundance of possessions. If you follow God, you will have exactly what you NEED! Rich or not... Contend to choose to be content to be faithful with what you do have. Worship with what you do have!
3. The pursuit of the spiritual formed
- a. Scripture // Exodus 16:27-28
 - b. Thought: God is teaching me that the aim of my life is to love and obey Him.
 - c. Target illustration : Wrong target = chaos Right target = contentment // touchdown analogy
 - d. Contend to be content to OBEY GOD and WALK IN HIS WAYS... It is time to simplify your pursuit... Obedience = HEALING // DRAW NEAR TO GOD & DO EVERYTHING HE SAYS
4. The peace of a sanctified life
- a. Scripture // Exodus 16:31-36
 - b. Thought // God is teaching me that Dependence isn't the problem, it is the design
 - c. Sermon Prep Illustration
 - d. If the wilderness can't erase God's presence, then nothing can separate me from Him
 - i. Phil 4:13
 - ii. God is still taking His people on this journey
 - 1. The question is not if He will do this for you, but
 - a. How long will we refuse
 - i. His purpose
 - ii. His provision
 - iii. His pursuit
 - iv. His peace
 - 1. Here is my prayer // That we would not refuse this, but that we would contend by repenting and re-ordering our life.