

Series: **Exodus: Seeing God in the Journey**
Title: **God Furnishes Your Bounty**
Text: **Exodus 16-17:8**

Outline of Exodus

God Frees You from Bondage Ex. 1:1-12:16

- Plagues and release

God Fights Your Battles Ex. 12:17-15:21; 17:8-16

- Red Sea
- Amalekites – next week

God Furnishes Your Bounty Ex. 15:22- Ex. 18

God Frames Your Devotion Ex. 19-40

Prov. 30:7-9

⁷Two things I ask of you; deny them not to me before I die: ⁸Remove far from me falsehood and lying; give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with the food that is needful for me, ⁹lest I be full and deny you and say, "Who is the Lord?" or lest I be poor and steal and profane the name of my God.

- Do not give me too much
- Do not give me too little

"Feed me with the food that is needful for me"

"The matters we or the world might consider trivial, He cares about and wants to remedy. He longs to relieve our worries and has promised to supply our most fundamental needs."

— Charles R. Swindoll

BREAD AND MEAT

Daily bread in the Morning

One month out, they grumbled

- Their food supplies are now short.
- They grumbled.
- "Would that we had died..."
- "...In Egypt we had full meat pots and bread to the full."

Ex. 16:4

"Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not.

- On the sixth day bring in twice as much
- On the seventh day – the Sabbath – do not gather
- In the morning.

Manna – The manna

- White flakes came with the dew
 - Like coriander seed – cilantro...
 - ...and it looked like bdellium.
 - A gummy resin
 - A fragrant resin produced by a number of trees related to myrrh, used in perfumes.
 - The taste of it was like wafers made with honey.
 - The people went about and gathered it, and ground it in mills or beat it in mortars, and boiled it in pots, and made cakes with it; and it tasted like cakes baked with fresh [olive] oil.
- God provides.
 - You gather today's portion every day.

“Here is the chief error that causes almost all the other errors by children of God concerning their calling. To be engaged in a business merely to obtain necessities of life for ourselves and family is not scriptural. We should work because it is the Lord's will concerning us. "Let him labor, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needs" (Ephesians 4:28).

The Lord generally meets our needs through our jobs. But that is not the reason why we should work. If providing the necessities of life depended on our ability to work we could never have freedom from anxiety. We would always have to say to ourselves, What will I do when I am too old to work, or if I am sick? But if we are engaged in our earthly calling because it is the will of the Lord for us, He is sure to provide for us because we labor in obedience to Him.” – George Muller

- Enough for each day
 - Lord's prayer – give us this day our daily bread

He provides manna for the entire forty years.

Ex 15:35

The people of Israel ate the manna forty years, till they came to a habitable land. They ate the manna till they came to the border of the land of Canaan.

“God's work done in God's way will never lack Gods provision.” – Hudson Taylor

“Feed me with the food that is needful for me”

Daily Meat in the Evening Ex. 16

- Daily meat in the evening

v. 13- *In the evening quail came up and covered the camp...*

- You work for it.
- Just enough for the day.
- No gratitude, and it turns to gravel.
 - You pick
 - You draw
 - You catch
- They disobeyed this process in later years, and it did not go well for them.

Num. 11:33

While the meat was still between their teeth, before it was chewed, the anger of the Lord was kindled against the people, and the Lord struck them with a very severe plague.

John 6:27

Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal.

1 Cor. 3:1-2

But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. 2 I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it.

Daily Word of Life

Matt 4:3-4

³ And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴ But he answered, "It is written, "'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

- Man does not live on bread alone
- The word of God is what we are to live on

Daily Bread of Life

- "I am the bread of life."
- **John 6**
 - He feeds them.
 - **v.27** – Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you.
 - **v.31**– *What sign do you do? Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'*
 - ³² *Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴ They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."*
 - ³⁵ *Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.*
- They grumbled.

John 6:47-51

⁴⁷ Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰ This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

"Feed me with the food that is needful for me"

WATER

He Sweetens What You Have

- Three days to Marah – 15:22-26
- The people **grumbled** v 24
- Moses went to the Lord v. 24-25
- Lord sweetens it – v. 25

Ex. 15:25-26

²⁵ *There the Lord made for them a statute and a rule, and there he tested them, ²⁶ saying, “If you will diligently listen to the voice of the Lord your God, and do that which is right in his eyes, and give ear to his commandments and keep all his statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you that I put on the Egyptians, for I am the Lord, your healer.”*

- He provides by a miracle

He Satisfies for the Stay

- 12 springs and seventy Palm trees

Ex 15:27

Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve springs of water and seventy palm trees, and they encamped there by the water.

- They encamped there.
- He provides with what He has already made.
- There are times you are simply living your life and staying in one place – be renewed and refreshed.
- See God’s provision in your daily living.

He is Sufficient in Your Desert – Ex. 17:1-7

- In the wilderness of Sin BY STAGES
- Camped at Rephidim.
- The people quarreled – v 2
- The people grumbled – v 3
- Moses goes to the Lord – “They are going to stone me!”
- Pass on before the people with the elders and strike the rock.
- Behold, I will stand before you there.

Ex. 17:7

And he called the name of the place Massah (testing) and Meribah (quarreling), because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the Lord by saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

He is the Source for Eternal life

The Father: The Source

Jer. 2:13

...for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water.

Isaiah 58:11

And the Lord will guide you continually and satisfy your desire in scorched places and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail.

Jesus: the Source

John 4:13-14

¹³ Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

Revelation 21:6

And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment.

The Spirit: The Source

John 7:37-39

³⁷ On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. ³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” ³⁹ Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

CHALLENGE

- Recognize that you daily needs are a test
- Respond to God without grumbling
- Receive From God His Provision With Gratitude