



Context of Exodus 16

- **God's people were enslaved in Egypt; God rescues them**
- **Moses confronts Pharaoh, leads the people**
- **Exodus 14:31: "And when the Israelites saw the mighty hand of the LORD displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the LORD and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant."**

Context of Exodus 16

- **Chapter 15:**
 - **People are praising God for his faithfulness**
 - **The people are in the wilderness, the Desert of Shur (v.22), out of water**
 - **God turns the bitter water sweet (v.25)**

Context of Exodus 16

- **Chapter 15:**
 - **v.26: "If you listen carefully to the LORD your God and do what is right in his eyes, if you pay attention to his commands and keep all his decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the LORD, who heals you."**

Exodus 16: Manna and Quail

- v.2: “In the desert (*midbar* - wilderness) the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron.” - lack of food
- v.3: “If only we had died by the LORD’s hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted...”

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- v.4: “I will rain down bread from heaven for you...”
- “The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions.”
- Matthew 6:11: “Give us today our daily bread.”
- Instructions - *torah* - God’s voice

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- Sabbath day:
 - Gather twice the amount on the sixth day (v.5)
 - Exodus 20:8-10: “Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner...”

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- v.9: “Come before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.”
- They will know he is Yahweh their God when they have bread and meat, when they are satisfied (v.12)

Exodus 16: Manna and Quail

- **v.13: evening: quail appears and covers the camp**
- **v.14: morning: dew appears, leaves behind “thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared”**
- **“What is it?” (v.15); “manna,” (v.31) which sounds like Hebrew for “what is it?”; tastes like honey (v.31)**

Exodus 16: Manna and Quail

- **v.17: “Some gathered much, some gathered little” - everyone had what they needed**
- **Jesus feeds the 5,000**
- **Some stockpile - find rotted food in the morning (v.20)**
- **Some attempt to gather on the Sabbath - find no food (v.27)**

Takeaways

- **A God-ordained period for forming and shaping the people of God to learn to rely on him, to humble themselves, and to be formed into HIS people.**

Takeaways

1. **Sometimes the wilderness season we are in is an opportunity to grow in our trust and reliance on God**
- **Pray only for “daily bread”**
 - **Proverbs 30:8-9: “give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread. Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you and say, ‘Who is the Lord?’”**

Takeaways

2. Remember what God has done.

Psalm 105

- 1 Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name;
make known among the nations what he has
done.**
- 2 Sing to him, sing praise to him;
tell of all his wonderful acts.**
- 3 Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.**
- 4 Look to the Lord and his strength;
seek his face always.**
- 5 Remember the wonders he has done,
his miracles...**

Psalm 105

- 40 They asked, and he brought them quail;
he fed them well with the bread of
heaven.**
- 41 He opened the rock, and water gushed
out;
it flowed like a river in the desert.**
- 42 For he remembered his holy promise
given to his servant Abraham.**