

# Provision Of Manna And Quail

Exodus 16

Faith Portal Church

**ADULT**

Unit 11 Lesson 6

## Supplemental Texts

Exo 15

### Focus Verse

“And Moses said, This shall be, when the Lord shall give you in the evening flesh to eat, and in the morning bread to the full.” – Exodus 16:8

### Introduction

The whole company of the Israelites rejoiced greatly after they crossed the Red Sea safely. They had never experienced that kind of joy before this time. They were free indeed! For three days in the wilderness of Shur, they had no drinking water. When they saw that Marah's water was bitter, they murmured. What a sad place to be at! But God made the water fit to drink. Soon, God led them to Elim, where they had water that they craved for in abundance (Exo 15).

## Deeper Look

### Israelites Grumbled Again – Exo 16:1-18

The Israelites grumbled again. Now, their grumble was not about water but about food. God told Moses that He would send them food from heaven, and that they should get a daily portion for each day. That way, God would find out if the Israelites would obey Him. God stipulated that on the sixth day of each week, they were to get double portion and prepare it. Moses and Aaron made it clear to their people that it was really God they had grumbled against. Moses told Aaron to gather the people before the Lord, and soon to their wonder, God revealed His glory in the cloud. God said He would provide meat in the evening and bread in the morning. That evening, quail came up and covered their camp, and in the morning, they had manna.

### Leave Nothing Till The Morning – Exo 16:19-36

Each household was instructed to gather manna for itself based on the number of persons. However, they did not obey Moses. As a result, whatever they had left bred maggots and stank. So, the Israelites showed that they were not fully reliant on God (Exo 15:26). The double portion they gathered on the sixth day were to be prepared, and whatever remained was saved for the Sabbath day. The people obeyed, and whatever they left over did not breed maggots, or stink. Despite God's instruction about the seventh day, some went looking for Manna, but they found none. God ordered them to keep a measure of manna in a pot for future generations. The manna from heaven was a type of Jesus Who is the Bread from heaven (John 6:32-33).

## Questions

1. How was God glorified when the Israelites murmured? Did the Israelites prefer to die as a free people or as slaves? Explain. Whose job was made difficult to perform when they murmured?
2. What should trouble the Israelites when Moses and Aaron told them that God heard their murmurings? Explain. What better way could the Israelites had dealt with their craving for food and meat?
3. How soon did the Lord reveal His glory to the Israelites when Aaron gathered them before the Lord? What quality of God was displayed when He gave His people what they craved for in spite of their murmurings?
4. Why did some of the Israelites choose to disobey the command of God not to keep manna overnight? What demonstrated that God was not pleased with their choice?
5. What was God teaching His people about the Sabbath day? How would keeping some manna overnight on the sixth day not breeding maggots or stinking? What lesson is to be learned?
6. Why did some Israelites refuse to obey God's instruction to not go out looking for manna on the Sabbath day?
7. What efforts could you make to tell the future generations of the goodness of God?

## Personal Meditation

God provided for the Israelites all through their journey from Egypt until they came to the border of Canaan. For forty years, God sustained them with manna from heaven. The supply of manna was never diminished at any time. Moses told the Israelites that God instructed them to keep a measure of manna—as a testament of His love—in a pot for future generations. This pot was later put in the ark of the covenant (Heb 9:4). The keeping of this manna was essential since the Israelites were disposed to forget the goodness of God. It should be noted that we act in the same manner as the Israelites. When things seem to go south, we complain as though God has deserted us. When this happens, God is not the issue, but we are.

It is crucial to point out that because the Israelites followed the cloud their sustenance was guaranteed, yet in the wilderness. We can be certain that no matter what our circumstances may be, whether in the wilderness of life or not, God will sustain us (Psa 55:22). As the Psalmist says, the godly and their children will never beg for food (Psa 37:25). This is a great news!

## DAILY STUDY

Monday	Exo 16:1-6
Tuesday	Exo 16:7-12
Wednesday	Exo 16:13-18
Thursday	Exo 16:19-23
Friday	Exo 16:24-30
Saturday	Exo 16:31-35



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