

The Continuing Journey of the Children of Israel

1. Out of Egypt, through the Red Sea and into the Wilderness of Sin...
 - From slavery and bondage in Egypt, to experiencing the miraculous, delivering power of God at the Red Sea, to complaining against Moses and Aaron...
2. Complaining & Discontent: Murmuring: *'Oh, that we had died in Egypt...at least we had food there'* (v.3)
 - They were longing for the past, thankless, & forgetful of God's deliverance and care.

God Responded with Provision, with a Purpose – Bread from heaven, and more...

1. How would you expect God to respond to 'grumbling?'
2. God spoke to Moses: The provision was declared and the instructions were simple...
 - *I will rain bread from heaven for you...*
 - *The people shall go out and gather enough for that day... an omer for each person.*
 - *In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions* (v.4).
 - God always does more than 'just' providing for us, always wanting to help us grow & learn.
3. Need to be reminded of God's promised provision... (v.6-8)
 - *At evening you shall know...the Lord has brought you out of the land of Egypt...*
 - Also reminded that the grumbling and complaining against Moses is really against God.
4. Moses told Aaron to tell the people...*Come near before the Lord, for He has heard your complaints* (v.9)
 - God revealed His glory to them in a cloud... spoke to Moses... and said... *I have heard their grumbling... Say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'* (v.12).
5. God provided meat in the evening and 'bread' in the morning... with directives... (v.13-21).
 - a. Some listened and obeyed, some didn't (v.20).
6. Inherit in the provision was a 'pathway.'

God's Purposes

1. Break the spirit of discontent and learn new patterns of living: The children of Israel, coming out of centuries of slavery and bondage, needed to learn new patterns of living...
 - Learn to receive 'daily' provision from God... trust Him today for tomorrow.
 - Learn to look to God as their provider and source.
 - Learn to get nourishment from heaven into their lives... daily.
 - Learn to observe Sabbath.
2. God was feeding their bodies, and strengthening their faith.
3. Some were slow to learn... (v.27-30)

Our 'Bread from Heaven' - Jesus

1. Jesus is the *'bread from heaven' – 'the bread of life.'* ~ John 6
2. Nothing is more fundamental to our 'survival' than learning to gather daily 'manna' from God.
3. We have a daily need for the Word of God, the Bible, in our lives.
 - As we read the Word, pray, listen & make personal application... we are spiritually nourished & grow.
 - As seen with the children of Israel, God wants us to learn to receive 'daily' provision from God.
 - We are given the privilege and responsibility to GATHER IT.
 - Get some 'bread from heaven' into your system DAILY!