MANNA FROM HEAVEN

Lesson #2 –God Provides for His People Scripture Reading: Exodus 16:4-18

Introduction:

- 1. God has a strong desire for man to believe in Him. Consequently, He has provided proof for man.
- 2. God shows His great power to provide for His people.
- 3. God provides for His people in the midst of...

I. FAITHLESSNESS OF THE PEOPLE -vs. 6-12

- A. THEY HAD DISPLAYED FAITHLESSNESS IN GOD -vs. 1-3
 - 1. They did not remember all the power God had already shown
 - 2. They were faithless in their complaints against God -vs. 3
- B. GOD DISPLAYED PATIENCE WITH HIS PEOPLE -vs. 6-8
 - 1. God is going to provide manna in the morning and quail in the evening
 - 2. This will confirm that He has brought them out of Egypt –vs. 6, 11-12
 - 3. The complaints were not against man, but against God.

II. SCARCITY OF RESOURCES -vs. 13-18

- A. EVERYONE'S NEED WAS MET
 - 1. Quail came into the camp at twilight as the Lord had said
 - 2. Manna was found in the morning as the Lord had said
- B. GOD SHOWING THAT NOTHING IS TOO HARD FOR HIM TO DO
 - 1. He was able to bring frogs, lice, flies, and locust on the land of Egypt for punishment.
 - 2. He is able to bring manna and quail in the wilderness for provision of need.

III. CHANGING OF THE TIMES

- A. MAN COMPLAINS AGAINST GOD TODAY
 - 1. Some will blame God for the evil in the world today
 - a. This is not His will
 - b. He has given man the freedom of choice and man often chooses wrong
 - c. This unfortunately infringes upon the rights and well-being of others.
 - 2. We remember that God is stronger than any evil or obstacle we will ever face
 - 3. He knows how to deliver His people -2Pe 2:9

B. GOD IS PATIENT DESIRING OTHERS TO BELIEVE IN HIM

- 1. This is the plea of Jesus –Jn 10:37-38
- 2. Some believe because of His words –Jn 1:47-51, 4:42, 7:46, Mt 7:28-29
- 3. The evidence is found in God's word –Lk 16:27-31, Ro 10:17

C. GOD IS PATIENT, BUT TIME EVENTUALLY RUNS OUT

- 1. Those who love the lie and reject the truth will believe the lie -2Th 2:10-12
- 2. Life itself will end -Ja 4:14
- 3. Judgment is coming -He 9:27, 2Co 5:9-11

Conclusion:

- 1. God's richest blessing are found only in Christ –Ep 1:3
- 2. They are open and available to all who believe and obey.