

Exodus – Chapter 16

1) What did the Israelites do when they were hungry? (16:2-3)

In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. They looked back at what they left instead of looking forward in Faith and trusting God.

Php 3:13 Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead,

Php 3:14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

2) How did God take care of their need for food? (16:4)

Then the LORD said to Moses, "I will rain down bread from heaven for you.

3) Who did the bread from heaven represent? (John 6:51)

John 6:51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

4) How much bread were they to gather daily? (16:4)

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.

5) What happened to the bread if they gathered too much? (16:20)

However, some of them paid no attention to Moses; they kept part of it until morning, but it was full of maggots and began to smell. So Moses was angry with them.

6) What did gathering only enough for each day represent? (Matthew 6:25-26, Lamentations 3:22-23)

Mat 6:25-26 "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?

Lamentations 3:22-23 Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

7) Who are we grumbling against when we grumble against God's leaders? (16:6-16:8)

Moses also said, "You will know that it was the LORD when he gives you meat to eat in the evening and all the bread you want in the morning, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we? You are not grumbling against us, but against the LORD."

8) What did the Israelites call the bread that came from heaven and why? (16:31)

The people of Israel called the bread manna. It was white like coriander seed and tasted like wafers made with honey.

9) Was the bread all they had to eat? (16:12-13)

They had bread in the morning and quail in the evening.

10) What was the exception to gathering only a daily portion? (16:5)

On the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring in, and that is to be twice as much as they gather on the other days."

11) Why were they to gather twice as much on the 6th day? (16:23-30)

The 7th day was to be a day of sabbath rest, a holy sabbath to the LORD.

12) How does the Sabbath rest apply to us today through Jesus? (Psalm 95:7-8, Hebrews 3:7-4:11)

Psa 95:6 Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;

Psa 95:7 for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care. **Today, if only you would hear his voice,**

Psa 95:8 "Do not harden your hearts as you did at Meribah, as you did that day at Massah in the wilderness,

Psa 95:9 where your ancestors tested me; they tried me, though they had seen what I did.

Psa 95:10 For forty years I was angry with that generation; I said, 'They are a people whose hearts go astray, and they have not known my ways.'

Psa 95:11 So I declared on oath in my anger, 'They shall never enter my rest.'"

Heb 3:7 So, as the Holy Spirit says: **"Today, if you hear his voice,**

Heb 3:8 do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion, during the time of testing in the wilderness,

Heb 3:9 where your ancestors tested and tried me, though for forty years they saw what I did.

Heb 3:10 That is why I was angry with that generation; I said, 'Their hearts are always going astray, and they have not known my ways.'

Heb 3:11 So I declared on oath in my anger, 'They shall never enter my rest.'"

Heb 3:12 See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God.

Heb 3:13 **But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called "Today," so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.**

Heb 3:14 **We have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original conviction firmly to the very end.**

Heb 3:15 **As has just been said: "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion."**

Heb 3:16 Who were they who heard and rebelled? Were they not all those Moses led out of Egypt?

Heb 3:17 And with whom was he angry for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies perished in the wilderness?

Heb 3:18 And to whom did God swear that they would never enter his rest if not to those who disobeyed?

Heb 3:19 **So we see that they were not able to enter, because of their unbelief.**

Heb 4:1 Therefore, since the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us be careful that none of you be found to have fallen short of it.

Heb 4:2 For we also have had the good news proclaimed to us, just as they did; but the message they heard was of no value to them, because they did not share the faith of those who obeyed.

Heb 4:3 Now we who have believed enter that rest, just as God has said, "So I declared on oath in my anger, 'They shall never enter my rest.'" And yet his works have been finished since the creation of the world.

Heb 4:4 For somewhere he has spoken about the seventh day in these words: "On the seventh day God rested from all his works."

Heb 4:5 And again in the passage above he says, "They shall never enter my rest."

Heb 4:6 Therefore since it still remains for some to enter that rest, and since those who formerly had the good news proclaimed to them did not go in because of their disobedience,

Heb 4:7 God again set a certain day, calling it "Today." This he did when a long time later he spoke through David, as in the passage already quoted: "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts."

Heb 4:8 For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken later about another day.

Heb 4:9 There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God;

Heb 4:10 for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from their works, just as God did from his.

Heb 4:11 Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will perish by following their example of disobedience.

In Christ our Sabbath rest is the time we set aside every day to rest in Him. We cannot stay charged with the power of God unless we daily plug into our charging station who is Jesus!

13) What would the Israelites know in the evening? (16:6)

So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you will know that it was the LORD who brought you out of Egypt,

14) What would the Israelites see in the morning? (16:7)

In the morning you will see the glory of the LORD

15) What did the Lord command Moses to do? (16:32-34)

Exo 16:32 Moses said, "This is what the LORD has commanded: 'Take an omer of manna and keep it for the generations to come, so they can see the bread I gave you to eat in the wilderness when I brought you out of Egypt.'"

Exo 16:33 So Moses said to Aaron, "Take a jar and put an omer of manna in it. Then place it before the LORD to be kept for the generations to come."

Exo 16:34 As the LORD commanded Moses, Aaron put the manna with the tablets of the covenant law, so that it might be preserved.

(An omer is 2 quarts)