

Sermon Handout

“God Marvelously Provides”

Exodus 16:1-36

- I. Key elements of the story
 - A. Murmuring again (Red Sea, 14:11-12; Marah, 15:24)
 - So quickly they forget (“plenty to eat in Egypt”)
 - Accusation of bad motives in Moses (“to kill us”)
 - “. . . but against the Lord” vv. 7-8
 - B. God’s patient kindness to his people
 - You shall know God’s deliverance vv. 4-6
 - The Lord reveals his kindness vv. 9-12
 - C. Provision of quail vv. 8, 12, 13 (but *contra* Numb 11:31-34)
 - A one-time gift (God provides meat, see “flesh pots” v. 3)
 - Meat at evening, bread in the morning (*cf.* v. 3)
 - D. Introduction of Manna
 - “daily” a certain amount v. 4 (Mt 6:11)
 - To last throughout their stay in the desert (*cf.* Josh 5:12)
 - Continuing provision vv. 21-26; 35
 - An ongoing reminder vv. 32-34
 - E. Evening & morning – first appearance of Manna
 - Creation – Gen 1:5, 8, 13, 19, 23, 31
 - Linked to the Sabbath Ex 20:8-11; Dt 5:12-15
 - F. God’s revealed purpose
 - They may know the Lord v. 12
 - That God may “prove (test) them” v. 4 (*cf.* 15:25)
 - Are they inclined in heart to walk by his law?
- II. The story points to Jesus – John 6
 - A. Feeding the 5,000 vv. 1-13
 - B. Jesus explains the meaning of the manna vv. 25-40
 - C. Jesus deals with murmuring Jews vv. 41-58
 - D. Jesus deals with murmuring disciples vv. 60-65
 - E. Those who faithfully believe remain with Jesus vv. 66-71

To believe in Jesus is to imbibe him who is the Bread of Life.

John 6:53-58; 15:4-10