

Memorials to signs**By Dr. M. Halloway****Amplification - Dr. J. Gangwer****Memorials**

**‘Manna, A Memorial of God’s Provisions’
(Exodus 16:13 - 36)**

Intro: This passage is the historical record of God providing food for over a million people as they wandered through a wilderness of desert where food and water resources were scarce, especially for a million or more people. Israel’s relationship with God was a stellar relationship as the year waned on while in Egypt for 400 years.

The wilderness journey would be a journey _____ by God to reveal Himself to them and develop a close relationship of love and trust. There was an easier and quicker route known as the King’s Highway (**Numbers 21:22**). When, one does not have a _____ with God, or as a Believer not _____ to developed a relationship with God, without God being an active part of one’s life, then there is no hope or expectation that things will or can get better.

The forty years of wondering in the wilderness was much more than a _____ for disbelief and failure to trust God – (**Numbers 13 & 14**), it was a forty-year _____ of teaching the Israelites to trust God and to learn of His greatness. They were going to need this education when it did come time to cross Jordan and wage war as God’s judgment on the idolatrous and wicked sinfulness of inhabitants of Canaan.

In the previous lesson we saw how God wanted to memorialize His _____ when He parted the Jordan River and had the Israelites place 12 stones on the western shores as a memorial, (**Joshua 4:7**). And now God is going to have the Israelites memorialize His ability to supply their everyday provisions.

I. _____, A memorial of God’s provisions. – Exodus 16:32 - 35.

A. The Lord our God knows how _____ we tend to forget about Him. (**Deut. 8:1 – 20**)

1. When we are _____, we tend to pray more effectively.
2. When troubles _____, God is on our minds.
3. When we are _____, God is not far from our lips.
4. God, however, knows that when life seems to be going well, our stomachs are full, our bills paid, the gas tank is full, our health top notch; then God is often relegated to the emergency cabinet, waiting for the next emergency.

B. And God wanted to remind _____ generations of the Jews of God’s power to provide for them daily.

1. And not only the Israelites, but His desire to provide daily for _____ who are His and will walk in obedience and trust.
 2. God had Moses place several things in the Arc of the Covenant, Aaron's Rod, the table of stones or the Ten Commandments, and a pot of manna – **Hebrews 9:4.**
 3. Here is a _____ concerning this as we read in **I Kings 8:9**, the only item in the Arc at this dedication under King Solomon is the Tablets of stone.
 4. This not to say the three items were never placed in the arc, for surely they were, but what happened to the other two items is a question we will have to wait and ask in heaven. Though I doubt that will be the foremost question we'll ask.
- C. Though we don't have any of the relics or memorials with us, what we do have is the underlying _____ God meant to be conveyed.
1. God wants us to be _____ daily of His care for us – **Hebrews 13:5c.**
 2. It pleases the Lord our God when we take the time to _____ remember how He meets our needs, saying grace is one way to memorialize Him as often as we sit to eat, or rather than saying, "That was a close one!" how about, "Phew, Thankyou Lord!" **(I Timothy 4:4)**
 3. Establishing a spiritual _____ in our heart that delights in praising the Lord and Ceaselessly offers thanksgiving - (**Psalm 95:2 & 147:7**)
 4. **Acts 10:1 – 8**, when we pray and give thanks, we are developing a heart that memorializes the goodness of God to us and a testimony before others.
 5. In the Christian's life it is never about _____ - _____, nor is it about coincidences, it always about a divine appointment in which God is drawing us closer to Him and reminding us that we can always trust Him to provide what we need and when we need it in order for us to grow spiritually.
(Lesson of the quails – **Ex. 16:12 – 13; Num11:31 – 33**).
- D. How aware are we of God's daily goodness? How do we plan to memorialize those daily events in our lives?