

Life of Moses Study (October 25, 2020)

OPENING QUESTION:

SERMON DISCUSSION: How were you impacted by the sermon? What new thoughts or lessons did you discover? In what ways did you find yourself challenged and/or encouraged?

READ Exodus 16:1-24

NOTE: The Lord got "glory over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen" when they were engulfed by the waters of the Red Sea (Exodus 14:17-18, 26-28). As a result, "Israel saw the great power that the LORD used against the Egyptians, so the people feared the LORD and they believed in the LORD and in His servant Moses" (Exodus 14:31). The people sang a song of praise to God, His deliverance and promise to them. Moses led them into the wilderness of Shur to Marah and alas the people complained that the water was bitter. The Lord gave them sweet water, a statute, a rule, and a test (Exodus 15:22-27) before leading them to the wilderness of Sin to test them in chapter sixteen.

1. The Israelites had left Egypt on the fifteenth day of the first month. Exactly one month after their deliverance, they grumbled against Moses and Aaron. They had a distorted recollection of their time in Egypt and had forgotten God's promises to their ancestors (Genesis 12:1-4, 7; Genesis 15:13-14; Exodus 3:7-10; 6:5-8). Describe their wrong thinking. What is your response and can you relate to this in any way?

2. What does Scripture say about grumbling and it's antidote?

Exodus 16:8

Philippians 2:14-15

1 Thessalonians 5:18

Jude 14-16

3. How is grumbling different than stating a need (Matthew 6:11)? What does grumbling reveal? Do your needs drive you to God or make you angry and/or doubt Him?

4. Explain some of the lessons you think the Lord was teaching the Israelites through His specific instructions concerning the provision of manna?

5. What did the Lord do as Aaron spoke to all the people to let them know He graciously acknowledged they had been heard (Exodus 16:10-12)? List the attributes of God that you find evident in His response to the people's grumbling.

6. Compare and contrast manna "the bread from Heaven" and Jesus "The Bread of Life" (Exodus 16:4-36; John 6:25-27, 31-40, 47-58).

Manna:

Jesus:

7. What were the Israelites called to do to prepare for the Sabbath? Do you think this was a challenge for some? How could you prepare for the Sabbath? What challenges do you anticipate in your preparation?