

Salvation and Freedom From Sin's Slavery

This week – continuing our lessons which teach the almighty saving power of Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, “Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat, ... drink, or ... be clothed? But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.” Matthew 6vs31,33.

Bible Readings for this week:

(Choose a regular time each day to read the Bible and pray whether it be when you first wake up or just before you go to sleep)

Day	Bible Reading	Tick When Read
Sunday	Exodus 15v22-27 (The Lord Provides Water for Israel)	
Monday	Exodus 16v1-18 (The People Murmur, God Provides)	
Tuesday	Exodus 16v19-36 (Some break God's Sabbath)	
Wednesday	Exodus 17v1-16 (God provides water from the rock)	
Thursday	John 6v26-40 (Christ said 'I AM The Living Bread')	
Friday	John 6v41-58 (Spiritually 'eating and drinking' Christ)	
Saturday	Psalms 62 (The Lord, The Rock of our Salvation)	

Important Lesson for us Today: Far from being dreary and sad, the Christian life is full of adventure with many remarkable experiences in this life, and beyond into eternity. The miraculous provisions described in this lesson are used by The Lord Jesus as a picture of Himself. He said that He is the 'Water of Life' for our souls. (Study John 14v4, Revelation 21v6; 22v1,17); and that He is 'The Manna', 'The Bread of Life', providing the necessary spiritual food for our souls – forgiveness of sin, full reconciliation and peace with God, a faithful, healthy, and rewarding spiritual life, soul satisfaction based on living for Christ, and eternal life. (Study John 6v31-35; 48-58). The Lord is likened to 'The Rock' in many scriptures. (Study 1 Corinthians 10v1-4, Psalm 31v3; 40v2; 62 v2,6,7; Matthew 7 v24,25).

Hymn 106 - Reminding us of God's eternal provision for those who trust and obey Him:

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| 1. God of eternal Love,
How fickle are our ways!
And yet how oft did Israel prove
The constancy of grace. | 2. They saw great wonders wrought,
And then God's praises sang;
But soon those works of power forgot,
And cried with murmuring tongue. |
| 3. How they believe His Word
While rocks with rivers flow!
But soon their lusts provoke the Lord
To frown, and bring them low. | 4. Yet when they mourn their faults,
He listens to their prayer,
And moved with all a Father's thoughts,
Extends again His care. |

EDT Bible/College Class Take Home Sheet.

This sheet is given to remind you of the lesson and to encourage you to read your Bible.

God's Faithful Provision for The Israelites.

- **Background to Today's Lesson – God's Wilderness Provision.**
 - God protected and saved the Children of Israel by miraculously parting the waters of the Red Sea - they crossed safely to the other side on dry ground.
 - Pharaoh met God's final judgement for his hardened, unrepentant heart.
- **God Provides for All the Needs of the People in the Desert.**
 - **The Water at Marah** - A large, contaminated lake, bitter, undrinkable – the people murmur against God, but God miraculously turns it into satisfying, refreshing water.

We think of: -

 - **Our Thirst** – As we journey through the wilderness of life our souls need something far more satisfying than the bitter, polluted, sinful diet of worldly 'excitement and fun'. The 'thirst' of our souls needs spiritual refreshment which **only** God can give.
 - **Living Water** – God provides us an exciting experience if we obey and follow Him. The Lord Jesus said, *"If any man thirst, let him come unto Me and 'drink'"*. John 7v37.
 - **Manna** 'What is it?', and **Quails** (like chicken) - God miraculously gave them food for each day. He also gave strict rules - collect double on Friday as none would be provided on The Sabbath. **We can only be spiritually fed, satisfied, and saved by God's Way.**

We think of: -

 - **A Free Gift** – Christ freely gave Himself to die on Calvary, taking the punishment for our sin so that He could be our Saviour if we repent and 'feed on Him'. John 6v32.
 - **A Life-Giving Gift** – God freely gives us daily spiritual life. We do not deserve it, we cannot earn it, or work for it. We are saved by grace – The Gift of God. Ephesians 2v9.
 - **An Unfailing Gift** – The Manna never failed for the 40 years that they were in the desert – God gives eternal life in Heaven to all who repent and believe in Christ.
 - **For Individual Consumption** – Collected personally – we must come personally to God, pleading the shed blood of Jesus Christ when we sincerely repent our sin and believe that He died on Calvary for us, so that we can have spiritual, eternal, life.
 - **The Water at Horeb.** Moses looks to God for His way to resolve the problem. The Lord tells him to strike the rock and abundant fresh water is miraculously supplied.

We think of: -

 - **Our Reliance Upon God** – We must daily look to The Lord for His help and guidance.
 - **Living Testimony** – Believers can testify to receiving full assurance of sins forgiven, peace with God, and, as they live obediently, His help in the difficult situations of life.
- **Never Forget what The Lord Jesus Christ has Done for us Sinners.**
 - It is vital that we respond in repentance, faith, and obedience in order to enjoy all the blessings that God has promised us, in Christ Jesus. Ephesians 2v10.

And Jesus said unto them, "I am the bread of life: he that cometh to Me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on Me shall never thirst". John 6v35.