THE EXODUS

God’s Provision
Exodus 16-17
Lesson 7

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Purpose of the Exodus Narrative

- The first Exodus depicts the second Exodus
  Historical Exodus depicts spiritual Exodus – Salvation
- The first Exodus reveals the character of God
  Display of God’s glory in the earth – Christ’s work
Redeem with great acts of judgment
Exodus 6:6

- With outstretched arm – great power
- By great acts of judgment (6:6)
  - Plagues – restrained wrath
  - Death of firstborn – Passover
  - Destruction of enemy – crossing the Red Sea
- Redeem from slavery
  - Substitution – Passover lamb
  - Union with Christ – baptized into Moses
The just shall live by faith

- Hebrews 11:28-29 – Passover and the Red Sea
- The blessing of God comes through faith
- Real historical situations
God’s Provision – Exodus 16-17

- Sanctification
- Sanctifying grace
- The example of Jesus against the devil
- God’s power against the enemy of His people
Lesson 7: God’s Provision

1. Manna in the wilderness (Exodus 16)
2. Water from the rock (Exodus 17:1-7)
3. War with the Amalekites (Exodus 17:8-16)
Fools in the Wilderness of Sin

- Psalm 14:1, 5 – No God! Great terror!
- Not a land flowing with milk and honey
- Death in Egypt preferred
- Moses brought them out to kill them
- Grumbling against the LORD (6:7-8)
Faith in the Wilderness of Sin

▶ “I am about to rain bread from heaven.”
▶ A provision to permit testing (16:4)
▶ Deuteronomy 8:1-4
  • In the wilderness to humble them and test their heart
  • What is the place of God’s Word in their heart?
  • Hunger satisfied
▶ They despised the Word of God
  • Acts 4:42-43; Amos 5:25-26 – idolatry in the wilderness
  • No circumcision – Joshua 5:4-5
▶ The example of Jesus in the wilderness
The Law of Manna

- Morning supply (until Joshua 5:12)
  - Melted in the sun
  - Could be baked or boiled
- One omer per person per day (½ gallon)
  - Twice as much on 6th day
- Spoiled in 24 hours, except 48 hours on day 6
- 1 jar with an ephah lasted many years
- By the Law comes the knowledge of sin (Rom. 3:20)
The just shall live by faith

- Life in the wilderness without food
- Life in the wilderness with food
Water from the rock (Exodus 17:1-7)

- Moved on by the commandment of the LORD
  - From Marah and Elim to Massa and Meribah
  - No water

- The people grumbled
  - Moses brought us here to kill us
  - Different sin from Marah: testing the LORD
  - Is the LORD among us or not? (17:7)

- Striking the Rock
  - LORD on the Rock – a substitute for divine wrath
  - The smitten rock produced saving water

- Divine and human perspective
Lessons from Massah and Meribah

- Grace greater than sin
- The example of Jesus in the wilderness (Matt. 4:5-7)
- Hebrews 3:1-19 – testing God
  - Have gone astray in their hearts
  - Have not known My ways
- 1 Corinthians 10:4, 9
  - Drank from the spiritual rock – blessings from Christ
  - Blessing from God – wait in silence
War with the Amalekites
Exodus 17:8-16

▷ Amalek in history
  ◦ Grandson of Esau (Genesis 36:12)
  ◦ Amalekites in the days of Abraham (Genesis 14:7) - anachronism?

▷ Unprovoked attack

▷ Battle plan
  ◦ Moses with his rod raised
  ◦ Joshua with the army

▷ Divine power in human instruments
The curse on the Amalekites

- A written memorial – Amalekites destroyed
- An altar – The LORD is my Banner
  - YAWEH-nissi
- A hand upon the throne of the LORD
- The LORD’S war with Amalek
- Psalm 83:4
God’s Provision

- 2 Peter 1:3 – all thing that pertain to life and Godliness through the knowledge of Christ
- Life by God’s Word – a test
- Submission to God’s sovereign rule – trust, not test
- The LORD our Banner – the Divine Warrior