

Communion Meditation – In the Wilderness

Exodus 16.1-16

Daily Miracles

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Life in the Wilderness (5th in series)

- 1) Moses (**Acts 7**), 2) Lost Generation (**Heb 3**), 3) Red Sea (**Ex 14**)
- Last time they complained of their thirst (**Ex 15**) ~ this time hunger

Thirsty and Hungry

- Paul said in **1 Tim**, “We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content.”
 - Paul was warning against greed (and envy, its evil twin brother)
 - Paul admitted it’s hard to be content when thirsty, hungry, or cold
 - But Jesus had said, “Man shall not live by bread alone...”
- Fasting can be very difficult ~ we can become obsessed with food
 - We succeed only if we redirect our hunger towards God and His Word
 - These Jews were not voluntarily fasting ~ they were very discontent

Misdirected Anger

- **v2-3** ~ The people bitterly complained against Moses
 - **v7-8** ~ But Moses told them that they were angry with God

Daily Miracles

- Every day for 40 years bread fell from heaven & fed millions of Jews (**miracle**)
 - An unbelieving friend recently said religion squares with science
 - While I believe in a rational world ~ miracles do not square with science
- “What was the meaning of this daily manna miracle?”
 - To the Jews it was a call to a meal ~ “Come and get it!”
 - But we should hear, “Cast all your care upon Me, for I care for you.”
- God must be apprehended by faith ~ Reason alone is inadequate
- These millions of Jews died in unbelief, despite this miracle (**Hebrews 3,4**)

Yesterday Josiah Jost commented on the beauty of creation

Specifically – how all such beauty ought to point us to the Creator

Most of us do not need more reason in our lives

But most of us do need more faith