

God's Faithfulness to the Unfaithful

Exodus 15:22-17:7

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God remains faithful even when we do not trust Him as we should.

I. Within just a few days of their deliverance the Israelites were already grumbling against Moses and God. (v. 22-25a)

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life^{le}?

“And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. (Matthew 6:25-34)

II. God commanded the obedience of His people lest there be consequences. (v. 25b-27)

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it? (Jeremiah 17:9 KJV)

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III. The Israelites sinned against God by complaining He was not providing for them as well as their Egyptian slave-masters had. (v. 16:1-3)

IV. God's promise of provision came with a test of obedience. (v. 4-5)

V. Moses and Aaron point out that the Israelites were really grumbling against God. (v. 16:6-8)

VI. God once again displayed His glory to the Israelites as He promised to provide. (v. 16:9-12)

VII. God displayed His power and glory by His miraculous provisions of food for the Israelites. (v. 16:13-15, 31)

VIII. To begin instilling trust and obedience, God gave specific instructions for the collection of His provision of manna. (v. 16:16-

IX. God here began the institution of the Sabbath rest for the people of Israel. (v. 16:21-26)

X. Again and again the Israelites failed to follow God's instructions. (v. 16:27-30)

XI. God commanded Moses to memorialize the manna He provided. (v. 16:32-36)

XII. God gave even more miraculous heavenly food to His people through Jesus. (John 6:25-70)

XIII. And once again, when things were not as they desired, the Israelites grumbled against Moses and God. (v. 17:1-4)

Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him. (James 1:12)

XIV. At the place of testing and quarreling God provided water for the people from a rock. (v. 17:5-7)

For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. They all ate the same spiritual food and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: "The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry." We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did—and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died. We should not test Christ, as some of them did—and were killed by snakes. And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel.

These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come. So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And

God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it. (1 Corinthians 10:1-12)