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SCRIPTURE LESSON TEXT

EX. 16:2 And the whole congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness:

3 And the children of Israel said unto them, Would to God we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the flesh pots, *and* when we did eat bread to the full; for ye have brought us forth into this wilderness, to kill this whole assembly with hunger.

4 Then said the LORD unto Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law, or no.

5 And it shall come to pass, that on the sixth day they shall prepare *that* which they bring in; and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily.

6 And Moses and Aaron said unto all the children of Israel, At even, then ye shall know that the LORD hath brought you out from the land of Egypt:

7 And in the morning, then ye shall see the glory of the LORD; for that he heareth your murmurings against the LORD: and what *are* we, that ye murmur against us?

8 And Moses said, *This shall be*, when the LORD shall give you in the evening flesh to eat, and in the morning bread to the full; for that

the LORD heareth your murmurings which ye murmur against him: and what *are* we? your murmurings are not against us, but against the LORD.

9 And Moses spake unto Aaron, Say unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, Come near before the LORD: for he hath heard your murmurings.

10 And it came to pass, as Aaron spake unto the whole congregation of the children of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and, behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud.

11 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

12 I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel: speak unto them, saying, At even ye shall eat flesh, and in the morning ye shall be filled with bread; and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD your God.

13 And it came to pass, that at even the quails came up, and covered the camp: and in the morning the dew lay round about the host.

14 And when the dew that lay was gone up, behold, upon the face of the wilderness *there lay* a small round thing, as small as the hoar frost on the ground.

15 And when the children of Israel saw *it*, they said one to another, *It is* manna: for they wist not what it was. And Moses said unto them, *This is* the bread which the LORD hath given you to eat.

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God Provides Manna and Quail

Lesson Text: Exodus 16:2-15

Related Scriptures: I Corinthians 10:1-10; Exodus 6:1-8;
John 6:30-58; Numbers 11:4-34

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PLACE: Wilderness of Sin

GOLDEN TEXT—“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 6:35).

Lesson Exposition

Hard times often have a way of bringing out the worst in us. It is one thing to praise God when there is plenty of money in the bank, the kids are healthy, the college you applied to accepted you, or you received the promotion you were wanting. However, it is much more difficult to praise Him when life seems to unravel. This week's lesson shows how God provides for us even when we do not appreciate His past blessings.

GOD'S PROMISES—Ex. 16:2-8

The people complain (Ex. 16:2-3). It had been only a month since God brought the Israelites out of Egypt, and already they had witnessed some of the most incredible events in human history. In addition to the plagues that had effected their departure from Egypt, there was the parting of the Red Sea, in which God allowed them to walk across the bottom of the ocean on dry land (14:19-31). They had also seen God turn the bitter water into sweet (15:22-27).

Another thing that happened in that month was a lot of complaining. Whenever the people went through hardships, they grumbled against

Moses and even God. God responded with amazing patience and always provided what they needed.

Interestingly enough, however, the people were still not satisfied. After a month of hard travel, the people started complaining about the lack of good food. They started to remember their time in Egypt when they ate meat and bread to their stomach's content. Apparently, they had forgotten how they had suffered as slaves.

Hard times have a way of skewing reality. What the Israelites failed to mention in their walk down memory lane was that they were slaves who had been beaten down by centuries of cruel treatment by their slaveowners (cf. Ex. 6:9). Their remembrances did not correspond with reality.

The Lord's promise (Ex. 16:4-5). Instead of abandoning His people, which He never does, God provided for them. He told Moses that He was going to “rain bread from heaven” in order to feed the people. All the people had to do was to go out each morning and gather enough to supply their needs for that day. The Lord would give, and the people would gather.