

The Manna From Heaven

Northwest Baptist Church



Things From Above

- Throughout history, many interesting things have come down from the sky.







Unusual Rain

- In 1873, Scientific American reported that Kansas City, Missouri was blanketed with frogs that dropped from the sky during a storm.



Unusual Rain

- In 1989, in Ipswich, Australia, Harold and Degen's front lawn was covered with about 800 "sardines" that rained from above.



Exodus Chapter 16

- The people have been led out of Egypt and are on the way to Canaan.
- The people are wandering in the wilderness of Sin.



Meaning of The Word Sin

- **sin** - Hebrew אָחַז –chata ah
- Meaning a punishable offense, to miss the way, go wrong, to forfeit, to incur guilt.



Israel Murmured in the Wilderness

- Exodus 16:1-8
 - “Would to God we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt”
 - “... when we did eat bread to the full; for ye have brought us forth into this wilderness, to kill this whole assembly with hunger”



God's Response

- “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.”



What Is This Gift?

- Exodus 16:14-15
- “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.”



They Called The Bread “Manna”

- Manna means “what is this gift”
- Was the manna a wage?
- No - it was a free gift.
- Did their good works have to outweigh their bad works to get the manna? No, it was a gift.



Manna

- Exodus 16:31
- “...and it was like coriander seed, white;”
- “...and the taste of it was like wafers made with honey.”
- *(what color was it, everyone?)*
- *(what did it taste like?) (when did it come down?)*



God's Word Tastes Like Honey

- Psalms 19:8-10 [The words of the Lord] “More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.”



Ezekiel 2:9-3:4

- God's Word a roll or a scroll
- Egyptians, Greeks, Romans, all used rolls or scrolls until 300 A. D.
- After 300 A. D. the transition was from rolls and scrolls to books, similar to what we have today.



Our Daily Bread

- Exodus 16:32-35
- Save an omer (6 pints) to show future generations what God has done to save his people.
- Ate manna every day for 40 years
- “Give us this day our daily bread”



Numbers 11:4-14

- Most of the people did not like God's plan. They preferred the way the rest of the world were going.
- They murmured and complained.
- "All we have is this manna."
- In Egypt they had leeks (onions) and garlic.



Leeks and Garlic

- “An apple a day keeps the doctor away.”
- Onions and garlic each day, keep everyone away.



“Elijah’s Manna”

- In 1904, the breakfast cereal company owned by C.W. Post, came out with a new breakfast cereal called “Elijah’s Manna”. Church leaders were upset at the blasphemy, so Mr. Post renamed the cereal.





Post Toasties

With hot milk or cream.

Summer's Gift to Winter's Feast

All the "goodness" of white corn, cooked and toasted for YOU—
ready to serve direct from package.

The grocer sells Post Toasties, and

"The Memory Lingers"

Postum Cereal Company, Limited,
Battle Creek, Mich., U. S. A.

Canadian Postum Cereal Co., Limited,
Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

John 5:46

- Jesus said: Moses wrote of me.”
- Moses wrote Exodus 1400 years before Christ was born.



Manna Came Down in The Dark

- When God gave the Manna, it came in the dark.
- When Christ died for the sinner, to provide eternal life, it was dark.
- Matthew 27:45-46 Darkness the 6th to the 9th hour.



Four Historians Confirm Darkness

- Roman historians Thallus, Tacitus, Africanus and Arabia historians all recorded this period of darkness.
- Humanists always try to explain away the Bible. They tried to make the darkness as a natural event.



Bible Critics

- Humanist critics said the darkness was probably due to a solar eclipse.
- Problem with that theory. The Jewish Passover was always on the day of a full moon. Christ was crucified the day the Jews were observing the Passover, when there was no eclipse.



John 6:28-33

- Vs 28 What works do we do
- Vs 29 Believe
- Vs 30 Sign? Proof?
- Vs 31 Had to keep eating?
- Vs 32 Manna a picture of Christ,
“The True Bread”
- Vs 33 Bread from heaven is “He”



Bread of Life

- Vs 35 “I am the Bread of Life”
- Vs 39-40 All that eat – raised up (none lost)
- Vs 47 Believe and have everlasting life.



Bread of Life

- Vs 48 “I am that Bread of Life”
- Vs 49 Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness and are dead (it saved for a while, but not for eternity).



John 6:50-51

- “This is the bread which commeth down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die.
- I am the living bread, which came down from heaven; if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever...



Jesus Meek and Lowly

- Jesus could have said: I am the steak and lobster.
- He chose instead the basics for the lowliest of all – “bread and water”
- Christ is “The Living Water”
- Christ is “The Bread of Life”



Bread and Water

- 1 Kings 22:27 And say, Thus saith the king, Put this fellow in the **prison**, and feed him with **bread** of affliction and with **water** of affliction, until I come in peace.



Bread and Water

- All through history prisoners have been kept alive by bread and water.
- Even in modern times the worst offenders have been put on rations of bread and water.



Hebrews

- Hebrews 10:10 Sanctified
- Hebrews 10:14 No longer must be sanctified repeatedly.
- The manna was available but it was a gift that could be accepted or rejected. Rejection brought death.



John 6:57-61

- Vs 58 In the wilderness, bread was good for one day. The bread had to be taken when available or it rotted and became wormy.
- Vs 61 Murmuring and complaining.



John 6:63 and 66

- Vs 63 “Life and death” words
- Vs 66 Many got discouraged and gave up on God’s plan of salvation.



House of Bread

- Matthew 2:1
- Bethlehem
- Bethlehem means “House of Bread”
- Where else would the Bread of Life be born?



Bethlehem in The Bible

- Micah 5:2 (written 700 hundred years before Christ was born)
- “But thou Bethlehem, Ephratah, though thou be little...out of thee shall come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose forth have been from old, from everlasting.”



Bethlehem in The Jewish Scripture

- Hebrew Septuagint
- “And thou Bethlehem...out of thee shall come one forth to me, to be ruler of Israel, and his going forth were from the beginning, even from eternity.”



Psalm 78

- Psalm 78:6-8
- Psalm 78:21-24
- Vs 21 – A fire prepared



Psalm 78

- Vs 22 – They believed Not
- Vs 24 – Even after the miracle of the Bread they were skeptical.
- Vs 25 – God refers to the manna as angels' food.



Oh Taste And See

- Psalm 34:8
- “Oh taste and see that the Lord is good.”
- “You are what you eat”. When you eat of Christ, you are a Christian. You have a new life. All things are become new.



Christ in the OT Concealed In the NT Revealed

- **In The Old Testament**
 - God sent the bread of life.
 - The question:
 - “What is this gift?”
- **In The New Testament**
 - Christ is the bread of life.
 - The question:
 - “Who do men say that I am?”



Christ OT Concealed, NT Revealed

- The people murmured and complained.
- People complain, kick him out of UN, Public Schools, Public displays.
- What must we do to do the works of God?
- Not of works, it is a free gift.



Exodus 16:31-35

- Vs 31 – Manna
- Vs 33 – Save some for a memorial
- Vs 35 – Ate manna for 40 years until they entered Canaan (The Promised Land).



A Trinity

- Three Things kept in the Ark of the Covenant.
 - “... the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein was the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's **rod** that budded, and the tables of the covenant;” Heb 9:4



A Trinity

1. Aaron's rod

- Man under God's authority

1. The manna

- Christ, God's salvation

1. The 10 Commandments

- Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.



The Manna Is In Heaven

- Hebrews 9:4 Manna was kept in the Holy of Holies where God dwelled.
- Today Christ sits on the right hand of God.



The Bread Had A Time Limit

- God allowed the bread for a time. After that the Bread was rotten and wormy. It would not save.
- The day is coming when man can no longer eat of the Bread of Life.



The Bread Had A Time Limit

- The Bible says:
- “Call upon me while I may be found.
- “Behold today is the day of Salvation.”
- “Boast not thyself of tomorrow.”



Amos 8:11-12

- The bread of life will not always be available.
- God says he will send a famine, not of bread, but of hearing the word of God.
- Eat the manna while it is available.



Walking In Sin

- Our lesson started with the Israelites walking in the wilderness of sin.
- Today, those who know not Christ as Saviour are walking in sin.
- One meaning of the word “sin” is to forfeit – to give up what you could have had.



Try The Right Way

- The word sin means – missed the right way, erred, has guilt, forfeits.
- Christ is “The Way”. He pays for your sin, covers your sin, remembers your sin no more. No more guilt. No more shame. The Manna provides life more abundantly.



Christ Called Sinners to Repent

- Repent of your sins— turn around, take a new path
- Don't carry the guilt of sinning
- Don't forfeit eternal life
- Don't forfeit a home in Heaven
- Don't forfeit a better life on earth.



What Is This Gift?

- Christ is The Gift of God.
- Christ is The Bread of Life.
- Christ is The Living Word.
- Christ is The Eternal One.
- Christ is The Way (to miss the way is to err, to sin, to bring guilt, and death)



The Same Today As In Moses Day

- The choice God gives is...
- Eat of the bread and he will give you life and lead you out of the wilderness, or...
- Reject God's plan of salvation and die in the wilderness of sin.



Have You Eaten of The Manna?

- Have you eaten of the Manna, Christ, the Bread of Life.
- “Oh taste and see that the Lord is good;

Blessed is the man that trusteth in Him.”

Psalm 34:8

