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THE LIFE OF MOSES – LESSON 26

MIRACULOUS PROVISIONS

Moses must have had a lot of patience to put up with hundreds of thousands of Hebrews often complaining and accusing him of trying to kill them (Exodus 16:3). They were now in the wilderness for two months. They had used up all the food they brought from Egypt and were hungry. They complained of death by starvation.

God told Moses how he would provide bread and meat. That evening (Ex. 16:13) quails covered the ground in the camp for their meat. The next morning manna covered the ground for their bread. Their food was now miraculously provided for the next forty years.

God had demonstrated His provision for them. Did this mean they would now trust Him for all their needs? Not at all!

They journeyed again and pitched camp at Rephidim (Exodus 17:1-ff). There was no water there to drink. Once again, the people complained to Moses and accused him of trying to kill them and their herds with thirst. In their eyes it was always Moses' fault. They still did not factor God into the equation.

The location of Rephidim was near Mount Horeb (Sinai). God told Moses to take with him the elders of the tribes to Horeb. There he was to strike the rock of Horeb with his rod. When Moses struck the rock with his rod, water came out that was sufficient to take care of their needs. This was the second of the three "water miracles" God provided.

What about us? Do we truly trust God to meet our needs? Do we worry or fret about things? God consistently supplied Israel's needs during their forty years wandering as nomads in a vast wilderness despite their frequent unbelief and murmurings.

They did not have a relationship with God like we do. Our covenant is a better covenant than they had, which is sealed with the blood of Yeshuah (Jesus). Philippians 4:19 says, ***"But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."*** If you have a need, ask Him for it, then believe His word. In John 14:14 Jesus said, ***"If ye ask anything (of the Father) in my name, I will do it."***

Stand firm upon his promises.