

30 Second Thought



Name three things that people might complain about.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Just three? It seems that we can always find something to complain about: too warm, too cold, too sunny, too cloudy, too windy, too much homework, type of food... The list goes on and on! We're pretty good at complaining probably because we've had so much practice at it! The Israelites were good at complaining. How did the Lord answer their complaints as they made their way to the Promised Land of Canaan? Let's see!

Read & Review

Read Exodus 16:1-8

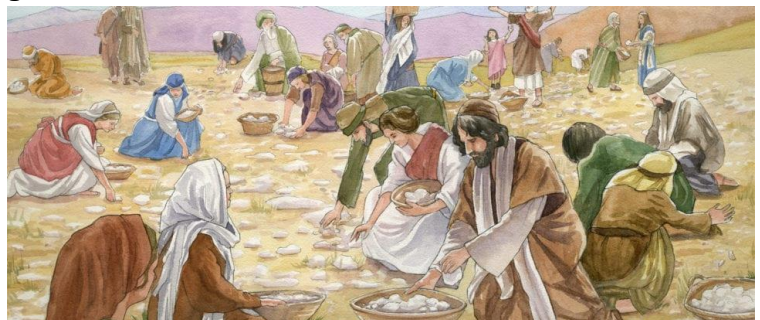
1. What were the Israelites grumbling and complaining about?

2. What did Moses say the Lord was going to do for the Israelites?

3. Look at verse 8. While the Israelites were voicing their complaints to Moses, who were they actually complaining about?

Answers

1. Not having enough food
2. He would give them bread from heaven each morning.
3. God! Were not trusting that the Lord would take care of them as he had promised.



Read Exodus 16:9-18

4. In addition to the bread from heaven, what did God also give to the Israelites to eat that evening?



5. Why was this bread called "manna?"

6. How much manna/bread were the Israelites to gather each day?

Read Exodus 16:19-30

7. What were the Israelites NOT to do with the manna/bread?

8. Although God's directions were clear, what did some of the Israelites do? Why do you think they did that?

9. What was the one exception to God's rules about only gathering as much manna/bread for one day?

Read Exodus 16:31-35

10. What did the manna/bread taste like?

11. For how long did God provide manna/bread for his people each morning?

Answers

4. Quail

5. "manna" means "what is it?" they Israelites did not know what the bread was when it first appeared on the ground.

6. As much as they could eat. Generally it was an omer per person.

7. Not keep it overnight. Only enough for that one day.

8. They gathered more than they could eat that day and kept some overnight for the next day. They were probably worried that there might not be any manna/bread the next morning.

9. The day before the Sabbath Day (Saturday) they were to gather twice as much so they'd have enough for the Sabbath, the day that they were to go to church and not do any work.

10. Flat bread wafers with honey

11. 40 years - until they reached the Promised Land of Canaan

His Word in Your Life

Complete the complaints below.




I don't want to _____!


Why do I have to _____!


How much longer until _____?


I don't like _____!

Which Bible passage would you use to fight those complaints? Others you might use?

 **Matthew 6:31-33** So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

 **Philippians 4:12,13** I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³ I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

 **Psalms 145:15,16** The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time. ¹⁶ You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

 **Romans 8:28** And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Catechism Connection



Read through pages 137-138 in your Catechism which describe what God does to take care of us and the world he created. What kind of things does God promise to provide for us while here on earth?

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