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Exodus 16:8–30, Miraculous, Filling, Perplexing, Reliable, Delightful Grace

<u>Main idea</u>: We must remember God's miraculous and infinitely generous response to our sin in Jesus Christ. Daily grace demands our daily trust in Him, and the weekly grace of the Sabbath compels our delight in Him.

- ⁸ Also Moses said, "This shall be seen when the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening, and in the morning bread to the full; for the LORD hears your complaints which you make against Him. And what are we? Your complaints are not against us but against the LORD."
- ⁹ Then Moses spoke to Aaron, "Say to all the congregation of the children of Israel, 'Come near before the LORD, for He has heard your complaints.' " ¹⁰ Now it came to pass, as Aaron spoke to 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 spoke to Moses, saying, ¹² "I have heard the complaints of the children of Israel. Speak to them, saying, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. And you shall know that I am the LORD your God.' "
- ¹³ So it was that quails came up at evening and covered the camp, and in the morning the dew lay all around the camp. ¹⁴ And when the layer of dew lifted, there, on the surface of the wilderness, was a small round substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵ So when the children of Israel saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was.

And Moses said to them, "This is the bread which the LORD has given you to eat. ¹⁶ This is the thing which the LORD has commanded: 'Let every man gather it according to each one's need, one omer for each person, according to the number of persons; let every man take for those who are in his tent.'"

- ¹⁷Then the children of Israel did so and gathered, some more, some less. ¹⁸So when they measured it by omers, he who gathered much had nothing left over, and he who gathered little had no lack. Every man had gathered according to each one's need. ¹⁹And Moses said, "Let no one leave any of it till morning." ²⁰Notwithstanding they did not heed Moses. But some of them left part of it until morning, and it bred worms and stank. And Moses was angry with them. ²¹So they gathered it every morning, every man according to his need. And when the sun became hot, it melted.
- ²² And so it was, on the sixth day, that they gathered twice as much bread, two omers for each one. And all the rulers of the congregation came and told Moses. ²³ Then he said to them, "This is what the LORD has said: 'Tomorrow is a Sabbath rest, a holy Sabbath to the LORD. Bake what you will bake today, and boil what you will boil; and lay up for yourselves all that remains, to be kept until morning.' " ²⁴ So they laid it up till morning, as Moses commanded; and it did not stink, nor were there any worms in it. ²⁵ Then Moses said, "Eat that today, for today is a Sabbath to the LORD; today you will not find it in the field. ²⁶ Six days you shall gather it, but on the seventh day, the Sabbath, there will be none."
- ²⁷ Now it happened that some of the people went out on the seventh day to gather, but they found none. ²⁸ And the LORD said to Moses, "How long do you refuse to keep My commandments and My laws? ²⁹ See! For the LORD has given you the Sabbath; therefore He gives you on the sixth day bread for two days. Let every man remain in his place; let no man go out of his place on the seventh day." ³⁰ So the people rested on the seventh day.

Introduction: What do you expect after seeing your sin and God's glory?

1. Grace, vv8-15

- a. It was against God that they had complained, precisely because He is all-powerful (v8) and all-glorious (v10)
- b. But His showing them His glory was a prelude not to judgment but to grace! Filling (v12), perplexing (v15) grace.

2. Daily grace that demands trust, vv16-21

- a. Exactly enough for each one (v16-18, cf. 12:4)
- b. Exactly enough for each day (v19–21)

3. Weekly grace that compels delight, vv22-30

- a. "holy unto Yahweh" (v23). The Lord Himself is better than double-manna. Double manna on the sixth, Zero manna on the seventh.
- b. The Sabbath is a gift, not a burden (v29)

Conclusion: Trust in the Lord for each day's grace, and delight in the Lord in all His gifts, but especially in Him Himself on His holy day!

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Exodus 16 verses 8 through 30. These are the words of God also, Moses said this shall be seen when Yahweh gives you meat to eat in the evening and in the morning, bred to the full For you always.

Here's your complaints, but you make against him. And what are we? Your plates are not against us, but against Yalt way, then Moses spoke to Aaron say, to all the congregation of the children of Israel come near before Yahweh. For he has heard your complaints. Now, it came to pass as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the children of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness.

And behold the glory of Yahweh appeared in the cloud. And you always spoke to Moses saying I have heard the complaints of the children of Israel speak to them, saying at Twilight, you shall eat meat? And in the morning you shall be filled with bread and you shall know that I am Yahweh, your God.

So it was the quails came up at evening and covered the camp. And in the morning, the dew lay all around the camp and then the layer of do lifted there on the surface of the wilderness, was a small round substance as fine as frost on the ground. So when the children of Israel sought they said to one another, What is it?

So they did not know what it was and Moses said to them, this is the bread which Yahweh has given you to eat. This is the thing, which you always commanded, but every man gather it, according to each one's need and Omer for each person. According to the number of persons, let every man take for those who are in his tent, Then the children of Israel did.

So, and gathered some more. Some less. So when they're measured it by owners he who gathered much had nothing left over and you gathered little had no lack Every man had gathered according to each one's need and Moses, said let no one leave any of it until morning. Not withstanding.

They did not heed Moses, but some of them left part of it till morning and that bread worms stank and Moses was angry with them. So that gathered it every morning, every man according to his need And when the sun became hot It melted, So it was on the sixth day that they gathered twice as much bread.

Two owners for each one and all the rulers of the congregation came and told Moses And he said to them, This is what you always has said. Tomorrow is a Sabbath rest, a holy Sabbath, the Yahwe Bake. What you will bake today and boil what you will boil, and lay up for yourselves.

All that remains to be kept into mourning. So they laid it up until morning as Moses commanded, and it did not stink nor were there. Any worms in it, then Moses said, eat that today for today is a Sabbath unto Yahweh Today. You will not find it in the field.

Six days you shall gather it But on the seventh day the Sabbath there will be none. Now it happened that some of the people went out, almost seventh day to gather, but they found none and you always said to Moses, how long do you refuse to keep my commandments in my laws?

Seen for you always has given you the Sabbath Therefore he gives you on the sixth day. Bread for two days. Let every man remain in his place. Let no man go out of his place on the seventh day So the people rested on the seventh day. Imagine so far the reading of God's inspired and inerrant tort, What do you expect when the Lord gives you a clearer view of your own sin and a more profound view of his glory?

Well, the flesh doesn't expect grace For the Lord highlights to us, just how wicked we really are. Being We expect and we often rather than running quickly to the cross of Jesus Christ and finding the greatness of his grace, where our sin abounds and His grace, then much more abounds.

The fleshly response is to wallow to focus on self instead of Christ and to be more and more overwhelmed with the greatness of our sin. And then if in that condition, we remember how great the glory of God, is the glory of the God against whom, we have sinned.

And that our sin is actually against him against his glory. Then again, the flash realizes with horror What we have done and the spirit spiritual man. Also is horrified at the sin but we learn here, the lesson to see that glory and look for grace and the God who has given himself to his people and for His people in Jesus Christ, It must have been quite a frightening lesson to Israel.

We don't like recognizing that our complaints against God's providence are actually against God Himself. Whether we're complaining against people or against circumstances, but in the transition from the previous section to this section, Moses actually repeats in verse 8. What he had said in verse 7, in verse 7, he had said for he hears your complaints against y'all way But what are we that you complain against us?

And then again in verse 8 for Yahweh, here's your complaints which you make against him and what are we? Your complaints are not against us, But against Yahweh than Moses spoke to the congregation spoke to Aaron. Say to all the congregation of the children of Israel come near before Yahweh.

For he has heard your complaints. Now If your mom or your dad said, come here I hear you talking back to me, you're probably not expecting something pleasant and nor should you Because the God in whom they trust for the salvation of your soul, has given a rod into their hand to drive that God denying folly far from your little hearts.

But you should expect something pleasant in the instruction that you get. And the fact that it is God, whom you are both trusting to use that unpleasant thing and in the free forgiveness and reconciliation

that you get out of it. However, when Aaron said to all the congregation, after it's been repeated twice and now the third time come near before.

Yahweh for he has, heard your complaints and they come very we expecting. Or do you feel like it's going to be? Well, you've heard it read just now. And you may have know the deck from before, does it feel like it's going to be something pleasant or good? And then when it intensifies with now, it came to pass as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the children of Israel spoke, what about how wicked they were to be complaining against the Lord, and now they're called to come near to the god against him.

They've been complaining. Now it came to pass as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the children of Israel, they look toward the wilderness and behold the glory of Yahweh appeared in the cloud. This does not seem to be going well. Does it the giving of the meat? And the bread was marvelous grace.

They had just said, If only we had died by Yahweh's hand in Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and were filled with bread. And God says, come here. I will show you my hand by giving you actual meat and filling you with bread. They had said they were filled with bread in Egypt, which was a li.

But God says twice here that they would get bred to the full in verse 8. And then again, verse 12 in the morning you shall be filled with. He uses their own language and in fact, he requires them to get full because each of them, get an over and you're not allowed to have leftovers.

And so he actually uses everything that they had said in the greatness of their wickedness and in gratitude and speaking against God, and he turns it over on their on its head. He says, you will come near to me and my hand will give you what you lyingly said.

You could get from the world. What you lionly said you had back in Egypt. You're actually going to get from the Lord. Your God. Isn't that the miracle of grace that everything that we had trusted in or delighted in or devoted ourselves to apart from God and deserved His glory to be displayed in destroying us in his wrath.

He comes near in Jesus Christ and says, well actually you can trust in me whereas that would have failed. You The Lord will not fail. You and you can live and devotion to him, which is good and joyous and full of purpose and dignity and what you will be able to do forever by his grace.

And you can find in him that soul, satisfying, pleasure, that cannot be found in any created thing. And that is the response that our God makes to the sins of all who are His in Christ Jesus. And so the first thing we have is the miracle of God's filling grace but not just feeling grace perplexing grace.

There was a 40-year, dad joke, among the children of Israel, The kids might come and say, what's for breakfast. Dad and dad would say, that's right. What's for breakfast because what is it was the name of the breakfast. They had never seen such a thing before. There was no name for it.

There was no approximation that they could get a word from a cognate language and say. This is kind of like that bread said looked like coriander flakes, and it tasted like, wafers with honey, and it could be collected and baked, and boiled it defies. All description kind of like God's grace God's grace has as miraculous filling, perplexing grace, and then it was daily.

Grace. He demanded that they trust him newly every single day. For more of that grace, they weren't allowed to try and store some up. In case, God wasn't quite as gracious tomorrow aren't all of our anxieties at heart. The concern that God might not be quite as gracious tomorrow.

Do we look back at our lives and see a day in? Which he was not merciful to us or gracious to us, But we look forward often in our fleshly hearts. As if there are going to be days in the future in which he is not gracious to us, but they needed daily trust in God's grace for their bread.

How much more did they need? Daily trust in God's grace for their complaining hearts and don't we depend upon God for both of those, Don't you? And you pray give us this day, our daily bread and forgive, not our debts as and forgive us, our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

Sorry, not forgive not our debts. That's what we tend to do to others. It's one of the hardest things in the world, isn't it to forgive those who sin against you. Are you not looking to him for the daily grace? For the forgivingness just as much as for the bread and the prior petition And so his daily, grace demands our trust, He gave exactly enough for each one, an omer per person.

And exactly enough for each day. He teaches us here and Exodus 16 that we need to trust him each day for that. Day's portion, not just for your food, although we may come to the place where it becomes harder to trust for food and We need his grace, to help us trust His grace.

But especially for those things that we feel are need of more patients with these children courage in front of that person comfort despite the fact that this person has hurt me or continually hurts me daily grapes that demands our trust and then weekly grace that compels our delight, third metal was full of miracles Every day of Manna was a miracle and then on the sixth day, you've got double matter, which was a miracle, and it didn't rot, which was another miracle.

And then on every seventh day, you got zero mana which in light of the single mana days and the double mana days, a zero man. A day was also a miracle. The whole thing was miraculous and making it into these four miracles. Instead of just, the one was all centered around.

The fact that we were not created for manna, You are not created for your food, You're created for your God and from the creation Men's first full day, which was the seventh day of the week as man was made late

on day. Six Men's first full day was not a day to serve Him in the created things and to enjoy the created things It was a Sabbath.

Holy empty hallway, to serve the Creator more directly and to enjoy the Creator. More directly. It was creator Day. Not creation day. The Lord does the same for them here. Look at how he talks about the Sabbath. It's so instructive. So opposite the way the Jews came to think about the Sabbath as a burden that God should reward them for carrying and many people who talk about keeping the Lord's day.

Even think of it that way, many people who talk against keeping the Lord's day, have it in common with, with the Pharisees and the Jews and legalists. All viewing it. As a burden, It was not a burden, It was a gift. First of all, in verse 23, the tomorrow is a Sabbath rest.

Same language. By the way, as in Hebrews, chapter 4 and verse 9, the sabatism on there. Tomorrow is a Sabbath rest, a wholly Sabbath unto Yahweh's, consecrated unto him as such. If you look down in verse 29, he says see. Yahweh has given you the Sabbath. Therefore he gives you on the sixth day.

Bread for two days. So if you do the math, you're like day, one manna day, two mana day, three mana day, four mana day, five mana day, six, double mana. But the reason why it's a six was double was because zero mana plus, the Lord is better than double mana.

You get the math there, It was because the seventh day was so much infinitely better in what it was for as being consecrated unto Yahweh, that he would not even have them. Go out and collect the miracle grace bread. I mean, it's ever there was work that could have been appropriate to the Sabbath.

It would be collecting miracle grace bread, but they collected double miracle spray spread the day before because even that couldn't hold a candle to the day. That was holy unto the Lord he himself is the greatest of his gifts when he says come near and I'll show you my glory and I'll show my glory not by pouring up my wrath.

But by pouring up my mercy and he himself as his greatest gift. So his Sabbath, the zero mana day was the greatest of the seven days worth of gifts. All the days were gifts, right? Every mana day was a gift. Double man, a day was a double gift but zero mana day was the Lord's Day.

The Sabbath and it was an infinitely greater gift. Because in it, his communicating that it's him himself that he gets to us. Does he not do the same for us? Has he not continued to give us a day now? Actually called the Lord's Day by Scripture because that day turns out to have always been all about the Lord.

Jesus Christ and whom God would display his glory by coming near, not in wrath, but in mercy. So let us trust in the Lord for each day's grace and delight in the Lord in all of his good gifts. But especially in the giving of himself to us on his holy day.

Amen. Let's pray. We thank you, Lord, for this portion of your word. And for its reminder of how you have responded to the greatness of our sin against your glory grant to us. We pray Whenever you show us the greatness of our sin whenever you show us the greatness of your glory to turn from ourselves and come fleeing to you and finding you that miraculous and filling and marvelous perplexing grades.

Help us Lord day by day, to trust you for the portion that we need that day and not to worry as if you would ever fail to be faithful. That there might not be grace enough for the next one. And then when you bring us into the day where you call us apart from your other, good gifts.

And present yourself to us. We pray that you would make us to rejoice and how you have consecrated that day for us to find you like this. Help us by your spirit. We pray in Jesus name. Amen.