

Murmurings – Manna and Quail

In the last chapter we covered the beautiful song that Moses and Miriam (his sister) sang to praise God (YHVH) for delivering them from the ‘horse and the rider’, which was Pharaoh and his strong army. This song was a stunning type for the victory that shall come at Jesus Christ’s Second Advent. And even in these end days, when God will again part the seas (people) for His ‘chosen’ (His servants sealed with truth) and allow them to go through the waters on dry land, into the future promise land of the Millennium. Moreover, the waves that came crashing down on the Egyptian army looked forward to how waves of truth will come crashing down upon Satan and his spiritual army when they are on earth pretending to be the Messiah and his angels on earth. These types are promises we should always remember for they give strength and encouragement to persevere in daily studies of His Word, growing in faith and endurance to fight the good spiritual fight, even during the most difficult of times.

We also learned how the people murmured because the water they had to drink was bitter. But God provided for them by advising Moses to cast a tree into the waters to make them sweet so they could drink. This was another beautiful type because it shows us how only the “Tree of Life” (who is God and His Savior, Jesus) can sweeten our hearts; meaning that only the Word of God can clean our hearts and make us able to live eternally. We also learned of the first statute God gave to Israel. YHVH promised that IF they *diligently* listened to His voice and would *obey* Him then He would keep them healthy; they wouldn’t have any of the diseases that the Egyptians suffered from. This was the precursor to the ‘cursings and blessing’ that Moses would lay out to them shortly before they would enter the Promise Land, at the end of the forty years of wandering in the wilderness. And, at the end of the last chapter, we learned that Israel had moved to Elim, where there were seventy palm trees as well as twelve wells of water: one for each tribe. This chapter picks up from there...

Exodus 16

*1 And they took their journey from Elim, and all the congregation of the children of Israel came unto the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the **fifteenth** day of the **second month** after their departing out of the land of Egypt.*

Israel journeyed from Elim to the wilderness of Sin but did not make it to Sinai yet. We’re given the date here to let us know this is only a month after Passover, when God (YHVH) freed them from Egyptian bondage. *Only one month later...*

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

Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron *again*. This time it was *everyone* (the whole congregation). Remember, only *three days* after they saw the miraculous event of the Red (Reed) Sea parted, they murmured (which means to complain stubbornly, #3885). Now, only a month

from Passover (less than a month from the last time they complained) they are complaining *again*. And rebelliously so. This goes to show that ‘seeing’ is not always ‘believing’, for these people saw many miracles by God but they still didn’t have faith in God. **Faith, therefore, does not come from seeing miracles by God.** Many people today wish they could have lived in the days of Jesus Christ so they could see those awesome miracles He did but the fact is that, there were many who did not believe upon Him despite the many miracles He did. And in those towns where there was little faith, Jesus did not do many miracles because of their lack of faith (John 10:25, 12:38, 14:11, Mk 6:4-6, 16:14, Lk 24:41). So, faith does not come from seeing but by *hearing, and hearing by the word of God* (Romans 10:17). And, those who believe not the truth don’t believe because they get pleasure in unrighteousness (2 Thess 2:12). It’s always been that way, and always will. It does not matter how many miracles any generations witnesses, for “seeing” is NOT ‘believing’. Belief must come from within an individual because *they receive the truth in understanding* (2 Thess 2:10).

Exodus 16

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.

The term ‘would to God’ means they wished God would have killed them back in Egypt rather than bringing them out to the wilderness to starve to death. This obviously shows they had no faith that God could, or would, provide for them. When you have faith in someone, you’ll ask them in a manner that shows you know they are able to do what you are asking for and you certainly will ask with respect. James explains what their problem was...

Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.
James 4:3

To ask ‘amiss’ means they ask for the wrong reasons - i.e., for lustful purposes instead of sincerely seeking to do what’s right. This was essentially their problem. They had forgotten their cruel bondage and instead looked back upon it with desire for the ‘good times’ where they had plenty to eat. Their fruits showed that these people’s minds and hearts were not clean. If they had had even a little bit of faith (and remembered what YHVH had *already* done for them), they would have asked *respectfully*. Take for instance the leper who asked Jesus for healing...

40 And there came a leper to him, beseeching him, and kneeling down to him, and saying unto him, If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.

41 And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean.

42 And as soon as he had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was cleansed.

Mark 1:40-42

For one, the leper *kneled* before Jesus, showing great respect. Secondly, he said that IF Jesus wanted to clean Him, He could do so. This was asking for help in a very humble and respectful way and showed the leper had the faith that Jesus could heal Him. This (understandably) is what our Heavenly Father wants. And it is only those who are humble (meek) that He will use in His eternal government (Mth 18:3-5, 23:11-12, James 4:10, 1 Pt 5:6). Jesus also said this bluntly...

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Matt 5:5

The Bible also makes it clear that we must have faith in God to please Him...

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Heb 11:6

These are lessons (in humility and faith) that the generation of the children of Israel who were brought out of Egypt will have a hard time with (as the rest of this great book of Exodus will reveal and Numbers also documents). But they are good examples for us to learn from...

5 But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

6 Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted.

7 Neither be ye idolaters, as were some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.

8 Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand.

9 Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents.

10 Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer.

11 Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.

12 Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

1 Cor 10:5-12

Now, for sure, lack of food is a problem. It's definitely something to be concerned about it because our flesh body will die without food. But *the way* the children of Israel went about asking for food was all wrong. Their attitude and lack of faith was sinful. God was testing them and they failed the test. He knew they would run out of food but *wanted to know how they would handle it*. This is a good type for us to remember *spiritually* for it is our duty to ask our Heavenly Father for, not just the physical things we need, but also the spiritual food we need.

9 And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

10 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

11 If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent?

12 Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?

13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

Luke 11:9-13

Our Heavenly Father will give us that which we need when we ask in faith and are patient to receive what we need when He decides it's best for us to have it. But we'd better maintain our faith, trust and patience that He can, and will, provide for us. It may not be exactly what we want, but *it'll be what we need*. As Jesus pointed out, when you ask for understanding of God's Word, don't you think your Heavenly Father will give it to you? And, if we are not being greedy, we will be quite happy with what else He gives us to provide for us in the physical realm. We must not forget...

24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought [worry] for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

27 Which of you by taking thought [worrying] can add one cubit unto his stature?

28 And why take ye thought [worry] for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:

29 And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?

31 Therefore take no thought [don't worry about], saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

34 Take therefore no thought [don't worry about] for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

Matt 6:24-34

If you keep your Heavenly Father (God, YHVH) and His Son, Jesus, as your top priority in life (instead of your 'self') then you'll seek to get into His kingdom by learning to do what's right. When you live your life by faith in Him, you won't worry about getting ahead in this world.

You'll simply strive to learn to do things His way and be thankful for the blessings He gives...
Let us not forget the lessons the Israelites had a hard time learning...

Exodus 16

*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.

Moses, of course, brought this matter to God (YHVH) who then gave instructions on what to do about the problem of not having food. To reiterate: YHVH *knew* that Israel would run out of food and He had a plan to provide for them; but He waited until they asked to see how they requested. He was testing them. Entering the Promise Land would require obedience to Him and He needed to know if they would obey Him. And despite their terrible, disrespectful attitude, He still provided for them because YHVH is *a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth* (Ps 86:15). Never forget these historical accounts are examples for us to learn from and to know what the future holds. History is future. *The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun* (Eccl 1:9).

So, in another amazing miracle, He would 'rain bread from heaven' for them. Yet, within that there was another test which would show Him how much faith this generation would have in Him, for He would not allow this bread to be storable except on one day: the day before the Sabbath, at which time they were to gather double what they needed so they would not have to 'gather' on the Sabbath. YHVH gave Israel strict instructions to go and gather a certain rate (amount) each morning for what they would need to eat that day. It would be good until the next day (as we shall see) but would not store any longer. What this amounts to is that: Israel had to depend on YHVH for their daily meals. This physical account is thus a type for us spiritually. Asking for spiritual bread is part of how Jesus taught us to pray...

7 But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

*8 Be not ye therefore like unto them: for **your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.***

9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

*11 **Give us this day our daily bread.***

12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

14 For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:

15 But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Matt 6:7-15

So, asking for our daily physical and spiritual bread should be a part of our daily prayers. And, while it's a wise thing to keep a few weeks food supply on hand, it's not necessary to try to prepare for years. Our Heavenly Father knows how to provide for us and we've got to learn to trust Him. So many people work their entire lives (obsessively so) for 'retirement', hoping to be able to really 'live it up' during those 'golden years'... only to find out that, by the time they retire, the government will have squandered their retirement away due to unsound money and other fraudulent economic practices while their health prevents them from enjoying the rest of it. Learning to be responsible with the money God gives you through your work efforts (legally so) is wise but worrying about and making it your top priority is when it becomes a problem. We must learn to trust in Him. If our bank folds and we have no money left, our Heavenly Father will still provide for us and that assurance should give us peace. True, we must do our part (like getting out of debt and learning to live within our means) but He will always provide for us IF we are honestly trying to obey Him. That's why it's important to search your heart to see what your true intentions are; are you honestly trying to obey God or do you have some other reason for being a Christian? (Church is Not Christianity - <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/212>). As Jesus taught us throughout the rest of Matthew 6, we should not be focused on hoarding physical things. And, while it's not a sin to be rich with God's blessings, *earthly riches cannot be the goal of our life* - they cannot be what our heart truly desires (Matt 6:19-21). Therefore, even if your earthly riches were gained from the blessings of God, **if you allow those blessings from God to change your heart (corrupt it) then the blessings will be taken away**. As Paul warns...

6 But godliness with contentment is great gain.

7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

8 And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.

9 But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.

*10 For **the love of money is the root of all evil**: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.*

1 Tim 6:6-10

Paul warns that, those who have a lot of riches are susceptible to spiritual temptations and snares that are harmful for our soul. So, instead of worrying about (and focusing on) 'getting ahead' in this world, we should be focusing our efforts on studying God's Word, cleaning our heart (and then *keeping* it clean) and preparing for the spiritual battles that lie ahead (Epht 6, 2 Thess 2). As Paul also advises...

1 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

Col 3:1-2

Your heart should be with your Heavenly Father, which means it should be in and with the Word of God, not on earthly riches. To reiterate: *it's not a sin to have earthly riches nor to enjoy them but they cannot be more important to you than serving, loving and obeying your Heavenly Father.* The Proverbs explains this point really well...

7 Two things have I required of thee; deny me them not before I die:

8 Remove far from me vanity and lies: give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me:

9 Lest I be full, and deny thee, and say, Who is the LORD? or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God in vain.

Prov 30:7-9

Interestingly, the word 'convenient' in verse eight is #2706 and means: *an enactment*; hence, an *appointment* (of time, space, quantity, labor or usage). Enactment means to 'make into law'. In other words, this Proverb is asking for God to give us our proper portion for what we have worked for: *our food due for service to Him*. The problem is, many people want to be paid for more than they have done. That's why credit is so popular. Charge now and pay later, only at a terrible price. Moreover, if you take this word back to its prim, you'll see that it also means: to engrave (#2710), which explains how God's Word is to be written into our hearts (Jer 31:31, Heb 8:10, 10:16) - they must be *engraved* into our heart and mind by partaking of our daily spiritual food. To engrave means *to impress deeply, to form by incision* and to *cut figures, letters or designs on for printing*.

As 2 Tim 2:15-16 declares, we must *study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth* as well as *shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness*. In other words, when we put out the effort to study God's Word daily and in earnest, He will make sure we are spiritually fed with the truth and understanding we need to clean and to strengthen our heart and mind. But, as this account in Exodus show us, it is our responsibility 'gather' our spiritual food every day. We cannot try to eat more than we need nor less than we need. We must study to fill our daily spiritual hunger and thirst.

It's also important to understand that, just like our physical appetites, our spiritual appetites are different as well. So, just because you study for two hours does not mean your family or friends need to study that much too. Half an hour each day might be more than enough for them. We all have different consumption rates as well as different needs and some people can really get turned off from God's Word if you try to force feed them (get them to study) more than they need. The point to remember concerning this verse is that, gathering of the food was done every day and God made it this way to test the people. Would they indeed seek Him every day for their nutrition? The same question applies to us today: will you seek Him every day for your spiritual nutrition? Which virgin do you want to be? (Mth 25)

Exodus 16

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?

Moses and Aaron relayed the message from God that He would indeed provide food for them and the provision would begin in the evening. Interestingly, they point out that the way God would provide for them would prove that He is their God who brought them out of Egypt. In other words, *the way* He would provide for them would be via another miracle. And then, the congregation was told they would see the ‘glory of the LORD’ (YHVV) in the morning. This would happen when they received the promised ‘bread from heaven’ and certainly looks forward to the resurrection of Jesus Christ for He is the Bread from Heaven and thus, His Words (John 6:63) are the spiritual bread for our soul. And indeed, the glory of God was shown to mankind when Jesus rose from the dead and revealed Himself to His disciples in the morning (John 20).

30 They said therefore unto him, What sign shewest thou then, that we may see, and believe thee? what dost thou work?

31 Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat.

32 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven.

33 For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.

34 Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread.

*35 And 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 6:30-35

Never forget that it is our responsibility to partake of that Bread of Life *each and every day*. You won’t get the spiritual nourishment you need until you work to ‘gather’ the Word of God into your heart and mind.

Exodus 16

*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.***

Moses reiterates that Israel would see (and experience) God providing for them and notes they would get meat in the evening, bread in the morning and they would have enough to ‘eat to their full’. The Companion Bible has a note that explains the phrase ‘*murmurings which ye murmur*’ is another figure of speech (appendix 6 – <https://t.me/BestStudyBible/12>) that means their murmurings were wicked and terrible. Moses takes this thought further when He warns Israel their murmurings were not against him and Aaron (for they were merely servants of YHVV) but they were actually murmuring against God Himself. This is akin to blasphemy because they were

speaking badly about their God who had, in reality, been ever so faithful and good to them. Blasphemy in the Hebrew (Old Testament) means *to scorn* (#5007) and in the Greek it means *vilification especially against God* (#988). This is exactly what the children of Israel were doing.

Exodus 16

*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.***

So, Moses tells Aaron to pass the word around to Israel that they were to come near to the LORD (YHVH). Why? Well, He had heard their murmurings and He personally wanted to show Israel that they were not speaking against Moses and Aaron, but God Almighty. In other words, God was going to ‘back up’ Moses and Aaron by giving proof there really was a God they were serving. Moses and Aaron were not trying to govern Israel on their own accord, or for their own selfish reasons (which is usually what leaders do). They were acting in direction to God Almighty’s (YHVH’s) directions....

Exodus 16

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.

As Aaron spoke, the glory of YHVH appeared in the cloud. This was to prove to Israel that Aaron and Moses were legitimate rulers of Israel for the people had a rebellious attitude pretty much ‘right off the bat’ of coming out of bondage to the Egyptians. They simply had very little faith in Him despite all the miracles they had already witnessed. Again, this proves that ‘seeing’ is NOT ‘believing’. People either believe or they don’t. If you think you need to see miracles to believe in God and His Son, Jesus Christ, then your faith won’t be very long lasting or strong.

Now, we know that YHVH led Israel with a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night (Ex 13:21) and it is in this cloud that the glory of the LORD (YHVH) appeared. But, just what was the ‘glory of YHVH’? We’re given a description of it later on in the book of Exodus...

16 And the glory of the LORD abode upon mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days: and the seventh day he called unto Moses out of the midst of the cloud.

*17 And **the sight of the glory of the LORD was like devouring fire on the top of the mount in the eyes of the children of Israel.***

Ex 24:16-17

YHVH’s glory was like a devouring fire on top of Mount Sinai. We’re also given more description of God’s glory in Ex 19:16-18 and in Ex 20:18-21, where we will learn that Israel was so scared of the sight of God’s glory that they asked Moses to be their intercessor because they didn’t want to talk to God anymore... it was too scary. It was because of this that God later promised (through His prophet Moses) to send Jesus Christ, a ‘prophet’ who would teach them

God's laws in a 'not so scary' way (Deut 18:15-19). Yet, these were not the only times God showed His glory to Israel...

23 And Moses and Aaron went into the tabernacle of the congregation, and came out, and blessed the people: and the glory of the LORD appeared unto all the people.

24 And there came a fire out from before the LORD, and consumed upon the altar the burnt offering and the fat: which when all the people saw, they shouted, and fell on their faces.

Lev 9:23-24

Again, this account showed God's glory like that of fire. This is because *God is a consuming fire* (Duet 4:24, Heb 12:29). And a study of the books of Numbers, the Kings and Chronicles tell us there are more places recorded where God's glory appeared to His people. Ezekiel also saw the glory of YHVH (Ezek 1, 10, 11, 43, 44) as did the shepherds after Jesus was born (Lk 2:9). And, of course, Moses also saw God's glory in a 'flame of fire' in Exodus 3:2. Revelations also speaks of the appearance of Jesus Christ as being that of fire...

12 And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks;

13 And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.

*14 His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and **his eyes were as a flame of fire;***

*15 And his feet like unto fine brass, **as if they burned in a furnace;** and his voice as the sound of many waters.*

*16 And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and **his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.***

Rev 1:12-16

Now, the 'glory' of God is a fire that is twofold. Meaning, it can literally burn and kill if God so chooses (Num 11:1-3, Lev 10:1, 2 Thes 2:8, 2 Pt 3:7-13) but it is also spiritual. It can burn up a soul into nothing, and this is how Satan and all other rebels will be put to death after the Millennium (Ezek 28:18, Rev 20:9-10). In Luke 12:49, Jesus also declared that He came to send fire on the earth and He'll be glad if His servants are kindling this fire when He returns (Mth 25:14-30).

Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD (Jer 23:29). God's Word is also a fire that burns in the souls of the disobedient while warming and energizing the souls of those who love and revere (fear) Him (Mth 3:11, Acts 2:3). So, the children of Israel were about to experience the first of many times seeing the 'glory of God'...

Exodus 16

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.

YHVH made sure Moses knew He heard Israel's murmurings and gave Moses the 'gameplan' to provide for them. He would send flesh in the evening and bread in the morning. And, because of the miraculous way He provided food for them, He expected them to know that He was (and still is) YHVH their God. Remember also that, they didn't have to work for the food at all. This was totally YHVH's providing for them. They did not have to purchase it, farm for it nor were they having to work as slaves in bitter bondage anymore. All they had to do was go out and gather it at the appointed times and in the appointed measures. The fact that they longed for the 'good old days' of bondage, just because they had more food, is like...

As a dog returneth to his vomit, so a fool returneth to his folly.
Prov 26:11

20 For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.

21 For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them.

22 But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.

2 Peter 2:20-22

Once Jesus Christ has freed you from bondage to sin (Romans 6), ***never look back longingly at your past sins***. Remember not to go there again, but never long to sin or look at your past sinful life as the 'good ol days'. Always remember the bitterness of the bondage (Ex 12:8) and how Jesus Christ freed us from it (Ex 12:23, 27, 1 Cor 5:7-8). It's like Jesus said in Luke 9:62: *No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God*. Plow into God's Word, looking straight on...

And thou shalt not go aside from any of the words which I command thee this day, to the right hand, or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them.
Deut 28:14

7 Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest.

8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Josh 1:7-8

Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil.
Prov 4:27

Exodus 16

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.

As promised, God brought quails into the camp for the children of Israel. This was a miracle in itself for the very fact that quail are not migratory birds. They stay together in coveys. But, since our Heavenly Father created all things (Rev 4:11), He knows how to use and move His creation to fulfil His will. Thus, He moved the quail into Israel's camp, which made them literally 'easy pickings' for Israel. To reiterate: Israel did not have to go out and hunt for the food. God brought it right to them and they just had to go out and gather it. This is providing *extremely* well for His chosen people...

We'll pick it up in Part 2...

AMEN.