

(Exodus) Exodus 16:32-36

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The sermon emphasizes the importance of spiritual food, provided by God through Christ, and the need to move beyond mere experience to a deeper understanding of God's Word.

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Scripture: Exodus 16:32-34, Exodus 25:22, Joshua 5:12, Psalm 34:8, John 6:35

Topics: "Expositional"

Description

In this sermon, the preacher discusses the significance of the manna in the wilderness and its representation of Christ's provision and sacrifice. He explains that the manna was placed in the ark along with Aaron's rod that budded and the Ten Commandments. The manna symbolizes Christ's death for humanity, while Aaron's rod represents his resurrection. The preacher emphasizes the importance of experiencing the spiritual food provided by Christ and encourages listeners to come to Christ and taste the manna. He also highlights the tendency of some believers to focus solely on their personal experiences rather than engaging in Bible study, likening it to preferring the excitement of manna over the sustenance of old corn.

Transcript

Now, verse 32, And Moses said, This is the thing which the Lord commandeth. Fill an omer of it to be kept for your generations, that they may see the bread wherewith I have fed you in the wilderness, when I brought you forth from the land of Egypt. And Moses said unto Aaron, Take a pot, put an omer full of manna therein, and lay it up before the Lord to be kept for your generations.

And by the way, friends, a pot of manna was put in the ark, will be coming in the last part of Exodus to the building of the tabernacle. And in the ark there was placed three things, Aaron's rod that budded, the manna, and also the Ten Commandments. The law speaks of the fact that He alone kept the law, that He has fulfilled it for you and me.

And the second thing is, the manna speaks of His death for us, that He has provided the spiritual food for us. And Aaron's rod that budded speaks of His resurrection. And over that was the mercy seat.

The blood was put on the mercy seat. He alone was able to meet the demands of God. And He alone is able to save.

And He saves because the blood has been shed, and God's prepared now to extend mercy to sinner man. Now we read, And the children of Israel did eat manna forty years, until they came to a land inhabited. They did eat manna until they came into the borders of the land of Canaan.

Now an omer is the tenth part of an ephah, and that's practically meaningless to me because all it does is give the daily rations that each one had. The important thing, I think, for us is that for forty years they ate it. Now when they came into the promised land, you will find that the manna ceased and they ate the old corn of the land.

And again, they complained about the old corn when they got there. Because after all, manna really was an exciting food. It was exotic food.

But old corn is not so exciting. The very interesting thing is there are a great many people that live on experience. They've been saved, converted.

They've been to the cross. It speaks of the death of Christ. And they just keep talking about their experience, their experience.

And you hear these that just give their testimony. And that's all they have to give is a testimony. They never get to eat the old corn.

In other words, they don't like Bible study. Because after all, it's just old corn. And that's what this is that we're having here.

I'm sorry to have to say it, but we just have old corn here. And every now and then I do dish out a little corn. And I mean, it's really corny.

But the Word of God, friends, is old corn. And that's what God wants to feed us on today. But if you haven't had a taste of manna yet, I'd suggest you come to Christ and taste of the manna.

He says, taste of the Lord and see that He is good. He says, I'm the bread of life that came down from heaven to give my life for the world.

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