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CROSSING THE RED SEA

“But He answered and said, ‘It is written, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.” ’” (Matthew 4:4)

Objectives

<i>Knowledge of God’s Will</i>	The Israelites’ journey out of Egypt and into the wilderness teaches us about our own spiritual life. God provided manna for the Israelites until the day they ate the fruits of the promised land.
<i>Knowledge of God</i>	God is mighty in power, merciful, and faithful to His promises. The Lord Jesus is the bread of life.
<i>Good Works</i>	Learn to live a life of thanksgiving and praise. Devote time each day to “collecting manna” and nourishing our spirit with God’s words.

A. Consecration of the Firstborn (Ex 13:1–2; 11–13)

1. *Israel, the Lord’s firstborn*: Naming Israel as His firstborn meant that they were His favored children who would receive an inheritance from God (Deut 21:17).
2. *Jesus Christ, the firstborn over all creation*: Jesus is the ruler and creator over all things, and no one can surpass Him (Col 1:15–18).
3. *God’s new firstborn*: When baptized in water and Spirit, we will receive all the same privileges as a firstborn child. We have been delivered from Satan and sin, and from death into life.

B. Crossing the Red Sea (Ex 14)

The Israelites’ crossing of the Red Sea foreshadows our own spiritual journey when we are baptized (1 Cor 10:1–2). Through Jesus’ death, He has freed us from slavery to sin and made us children of God.

C. Manna (Ex 16:4–5; 11–31)

1. *Bread from heaven*: The Lord Jesus is the manna of the New Testament (Jn 6:35, 51). Manna also represents God’s word, which satisfies all of our needs.
2. *White like coriander seed*: Its color and shape reflect the purity and perfection of God’s word.
3. *Sweet like honey*: One psalmist described God’s word as “sweeter also than honey” (Ps 19:10). It also matches manna’s versatility in that it can be applied to every situation in life.

D. Instructions for Collecting Manna (Ex 16:16–23)

1. *Gather every morning*: Our minds are uncluttered and free in the morning, making it the best time to focus on God. God also wants us to live a disciplined life and develop a pattern of life where we can devote time to Him each day.
2. *Gather according to their needs*: The world is bent on materialism, but God’s grace should be sufficient for us. We should remember that He will provide for our needs (Mt 6:25–27).
3. *Gather for everyone in their tent*: It is important to use God’s word to help our family, stir up good works in the church, and build up unity, peace, and harmony in our family and church.
4. *Do not gather on the seventh day*: The Sabbath day is a vital part of our relationship with God. It is a chance for us to set aside our daily work and find rest in the Lord.

Life Application

1. A Life as God’s Firstborn
2. Crossing the Red Sea
3. Gathering Manna Every Day

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Lesson 12 Homework Assignment

Crossing the Red Sea

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

Memory Verse (Matthew 4:4):

1. What is the memory verse teaching us about our spiritual hunger and thirst?
2. “For whom He foreknew, He also _____ to be _____ to the _____ of His _____, that He might be the _____ among many _____.” (Romans 8:29)
3. What privileges do we receive when we become God’s firstborn through baptism?
4. What did the Red Sea crossing prefigure? Provide a supporting Bible verse.
5. In your own words, explain two teachings that we can learn from manna.
 - a.
 - b.
6. What prevents you from “gathering manna” every day? How can you overcome this obstacle?