



Theme: God's provision for the people in the desert (Ex 16-18)

Exodus 16: God gives food to the people

I. The murmuring of the people (1-3)

What is murmuring?

(TWOT) the expression of resentment, dissatisfaction, anger, and grumbling under one's breath.

II. God's provision and testing of the people (4-18)

The purpose of God's testing of the people: 1. to show the Israelites where their heart is, if they truly had Yahweh as God or not, and 2. for those who belong to the Lord, God would use this test to make them walk in conformity with His sovereign will.

III. The obedience of some and the disobedience of others (19-36)

Exodus 17: The people test God, and God fights for His people

I. The people put God to the test (1-4)

The word testing indicates the testing of a person's loyalty. The people sinfully tested the Lord to see if indeed He is faithful and true. To see if it was true that God was in their midst.

II. God miraculously provided water for the people from the rock (5-7)

III. God gave victory to his people over their enemies (8-16)

Exodus 18: God's glory made known resulting in salvation

- I. Faith comes from hearing the word of God (1-12)
 - a. The praise of Jethro (v.9-10)
 - b. Jethro's confession of faith (v.11)
 - c. The worship of God by Jethro because of faith (v.12)
- II. The wise counsel of Jethro's to Moses (13-27)

Why Should We Pay Attention? (Exodus 16–18)

- We are often tempted to think we are better than Israel
- Yet we struggle with **unbelief, complaining, and murmuring** too
- Their failures were written **as warnings for us**

Application

- Examine your heart
- Do not rely on yourself
- Trust God's grace
- Walk in obedience

Let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.”
— 1 Corinthians 10:12