

# Provision in the Desert

Exodus 16

**It will be easier to get them out of Egypt than to get Egypt out of them.**

## I. By Taking Us into the Wilderness (vs. 1-3)

**Deuteronomy 8:1-2**

A. Shaping the heart

Heart issue: grumbling (vs.2-3)

1) Grumblers make their situation out to be worse than it actually is.

**Psalm 78:18**

2) Grumblers exaggerate the advantages of the past.

3) Grumblers make baseless accusations against good people.

**Psalm 78:17**

B. Teaching greater dependence on God

**We will never learn that God is all we need until God is all we have.**

## II. By Showing Us His Provision (vs. 4-18)

A. His gracious provision (vs. 4-10)

**Deuteronomy 8:3**

**There is glory in the ordinary provision and providence of God.**

B. His plentiful provision (vs. 11-15)

**Psalm 105:39-40**

Manna - “what is it?”

Quail

1) the timing – they would arrive at the right time

2) the quantity – covering the ground

**Psalm 78:27-28**

C. His perfect provision (vs. 16-18)

**God gives us not necessarily what we want or expect, but what we need.**

**Proverbs 30:8-9**

God’s perfect provision for us is Jesus Christ (**John 6:30-35**)

## III. By Calling Us to Obedience (vs. 19-30)

**Sanctification is impossible without obedience.**

Just like the Israelites with the manna/quail:

We must gather it

We must prepare it

We must eat it

**The most critical part of sanctification is obedience. The most critical part of obedience is to obey right away.**