

The Testing of the Hangry Israelites

Exodus 16:1-21

Today's Lesson: Testing occurs in hard places so the genuine nature of our faith is revealed and instructed toward dependence on God.

Five observations about how the Israelites acted and reacted to the testing in the hard place during their journey.

1) _____ of the hard place. 1-3

The _____ of resources.

The _____ of the campsite.

The _____ of their grumbling.

A _____ on their immediate circumstances.

Their _____ of Yahweh's providence.

Their recent and long-term _____.

The _____ of Yahweh's strikes against Egypt.

The _____ displayed in their deliverance.

2) _____ in the hard place. 4a, 8a, 12-15

Rain _____ from heaven

Bread to the full in the morning—Manna: _____ or _____?

Meat to eat—Quail: _____ or _____?

3) _____ in the hard place—4b

_____ is the testing for?

What does the testing _____?

4) _____ in the hard place—5, 16, 19

A weekly food collection schedule.

What did the test reveal?

_____ heart

_____ character
_____ mind
_____ of the character of God

5) _____ in the hard place. 20

What was their response? _____ when _____.

The big picture of Exodus

God delivers _____ for His people.

God demonstrates His _____ and _____ for His people.

God displays His _____ for His people.

In the law He describes his _____ and the _____ of His character.

In the conquest of the land they reach the _____ of His promise.

What should be the response? _____ when _____.

- If we look heavenward and grumble with a raised fist, we have a **distorted theology**.
- If we have a distorted theology, we will have an increasingly **doubting mind**.
- If we have an increasingly doubting mind, we are left to our own **self-centered resources**.
- If we are left to our own self-centered resources, then **selfish greed** is what drives our motives and actions.

Looking beyond our immediate circumstances and trusting God for the big picture.

The _____ He has made: Philippians 4:19

His _____ that sustains: 2 Corinthians 12:9

The _____ that guides us: Colossians 3:1-3

The _____ that awaits us: John 14:2-3