

Exodus 16:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Moses said, Let no man leave of it till the morning.

Analysis

Let no man leave of it till the morning—The prohibition against saving manna overnight tests trust in tomorrow's provision. The Hebrew יָטַר (yotir, 'to leave over, reserve') indicates an attempt to secure future needs through present accumulation. This command directly confronts anxiety and self-reliance—Israel must sleep without tomorrow's breakfast secured. Christ echoes this principle: 'Take no thought for tomorrow' (Matt 6:34), and the Lord's Prayer requests 'daily bread' not yearly stockpiles. Old manna breeds worms (v.20), showing that yesterday's provision cannot sustain today—we need fresh dependence. This daily rhythm pictures sanctification: past experiences don't maintain present fellowship; we need daily communion with Christ.

Historical Context

In an uncertain wilderness environment, the temptation to hoard would be overwhelming. God's command required radical trust that tomorrow's provision would appear.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. What areas of life do you 'hoard' rather than trusting God for daily provision?
2. How does old manna breeding worms picture the spiritual danger of living on past experiences?

Interlinear Text

עַד מִתְנָדֵר יֹתֶר רְאֵל אַל אָשָׁר מִשְׁתַּחַת אֱלֹהִים מִשְׁתַּחַת הַיְמָן
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Additional Cross-References

Exodus 23:18 (Parallel theme): Thou shalt not offer the blood of my sacrifice with leavened bread; neither shall the fat of my sacrifice remain until the morning.

Exodus 12:10 (Parallel theme): And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; and that which remaineth of it until the morning ye shall burn with fire.

Matthew 6:34 (Parallel theme): Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.