

# Exodus 16:21

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**And they gathered it every morning, every man according to his eating: and when the sun waxed hot, it melted**—The morning gathering establishes spiritual discipline: seeking God early before the day's heat. The Hebrew שָׁחַר (shachar, 'dawn, early morning') connects to Psalm 63:1—'early will I seek thee.' Manna melting when sun waxes hot (חֶמֶשׁ הַשֶּׁמֶשׁ, chamam hashemesh) teaches that spiritual provision has its season—delay means loss. Christ drives this principle home: 'I must work...while it is day: the night cometh' (John 9:4). The melting prevents afternoon hoarding and enforces morning dependence. Spiritually, this pictures the need to seek Christ early and daily, before life's 'heat' consumes the day and opportunity melts away.

## Historical Context

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In desert conditions, morning gathering was practical, but the supernatural melting enforced God's commanded rhythm and prevented hoarding attempts after the morning distribution.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

## Study Questions

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1. How does your morning spiritual gathering set the trajectory for your entire day?
2. What spiritual opportunities 'melt' when you delay seeking God until life's heat consumes the day?

## Interlinear Text

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וַיִּלָּקֹט ו	אֹתוֹ	בַּבֹּקֶר	בַּבֹּקֶר	אֵשׁ	כַּכִּי
And they gathered	H853	it every morning	it every morning	every man	according
H3950		H1242	H1242	H376	H6310
אֲכָל ו	וְהָיָה	וְהָיָה	וְהָיָה		
to his eating	waxed hot	and when the sun	it melted		
H400	H2552	H8121	H4549		

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