

Exodus 16:21

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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 שַׁחַר (shachar, 'dawn, early morning') connects to Psalm 63:1—'early will I seek thee.' Manna melting when sun waxes hot (שָׁמַמְתָּן חָמֵם, 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

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

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

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

וַיְלַקֵּט	אֹתָוּ	בְּבֹרֶר	בְּבֹרֶר	אֲיַשׁ	כַּפּוּרִים
And they gathered	H853	it every morning	it every morning	every man	according
H3950		H1242	H1242	H376	H6310
אָכַל	מִשְׁׁאָכֵל	בָּשָׂר	בָּשָׂר	יְתַמֵּא	
to his eating	waxed hot	and when the sun	it melted		
H400	H2552	H8121	H4549		

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