

Exodus 16:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And they laid it up till the morning, as Moses bade: and it did not stink, neither was there any worm therein.

Analysis

And they laid it up till the morning, as Moses bade: and it did not stink, neither was there any worm therein—The sixth-day manna's preservation demonstrates God's validation of Sabbath rest. The Hebrew שׂאֵשׁ (ba'ash, 'stink') and רִמָּה (rimmah, 'worm')—present in verse 20's disobedient hoarding—are notably absent when Israel obeys Sabbath command. The same substance that rotted under disobedience remains fresh under obedience, proving that preservation depends on God's word, not the substance's nature. This miracle teaches that God sanctifies what He commands to be kept. Christ's resurrection body similarly defied corruption (Acts 2:31), and believers preserved 'in Christ' will not see decay.

Historical Context

This weekly miracle for 40 years reinforced Sabbath's sanctity. What rotted on other days remained fresh when kept for God's ordained rest.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How does manna's preservation on Sabbath teach that obedience to God's rhythms protects rather than restricts?
2. What does God sanctifying Sabbath manna reveal about His power to preserve what He commands to be kept?

Interlinear Text

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| וַיִּלְחֹ | אֶתֹ | עַד | הַבֹּקֶר | כָּאֵשׁ ר | צִוָּה | מֹשֶׁה |
| And they laid it up | H853 | H5704 | till the morning | H834 | bade | as Moses |
| H3240 | | | H1242 | | H6680 | H4872 |
| וְלֹא | הִבָּא יֵשׁ | וְרֵמָה | לֹא | הָיְתָה | בּוֹ: | |
| H3808 | and it did not stink | neither was there any worm | H3808 | H1961 | H0 | |
| | H887 | H7415 | | | | |

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 16:20 (References Moses): Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto Moses; but some of them left of it until the morning, and it bred worms, and stank: and Moses was wroth with them.