

Exodus 16:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

And Moses said, Eat that to day; for to day is a sabbath unto the LORD: to day ye shall not find it in the field—Moses' triple use of 'to day' (הַיּוֹם, hayom) emphasizes present rest, not anxious gathering. The phrase 'sabbath unto the LORD' shows this rest is theologically oriented—it's not merely day off from work but day dedicated to YHWH. The promise 'ye shall not find it' means God intentionally withholds manna on Sabbath to enforce rest. This tests whether Israel trusts yesterday's provision for today's needs. Spiritually, this pictures believers who stop striving and rest in Christ's completed work. Hebrews 4:10 applies this: 'he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works.'

Historical Context

Sabbath observance required faith that God's double provision on the sixth day would sustain them. This weekly test continued for 40 years, training Israel in rest.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How does God withholding provision on Sabbath teach trust rather than anxious self-provision?
2. What does 'sabbath unto the LORD' reveal about rest's purpose being worship, not merely recuperation?

Interlinear Text

וַיֹּאמֶר	מֹשֶׁה	הוּא	אֲכָלֶה	הַיּוֹם	כִּי	שַׁבָּת	הַיּוֹם
said	And Moses	Eat	for to day	H3588	is a sabbath	for to day	
H559	H4872	H398	H3117		H7676	H3117	
לַיהוָה	הַיּוֹם	לֹא	תִמְצָא	הוּא	בַּשָּׂדֶה:		
unto the LORD	for to day	H3808	ye shall not find		it in the field		
H3068	H3117		H4672		H7704		

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 16:23 (References Lord): And he said unto them, This is that which the LORD hath said, To morrow is the rest of the holy sabbath unto the LORD: bake that which ye will bake to day, and seethe that ye will seethe; and that which remaineth over lay up for you to be kept until the morning.

Nehemiah 9:14 (References Moses): And madest known unto them thy holy sabbath, and commandedst them precepts, statutes, and laws, by the hand of Moses thy servant:

Exodus 16:29 (References Lord): See, for that the LORD hath given you the sabbath, therefore he giveth you on the sixth day the bread of two days; abide ye every man in his place, let no man go out of his place on the seventh day.