

# Exodus 16:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And it came to pass, that there went out some of the people on the seventh day for to gather, and they found none.

## Analysis

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**And it came to pass, that there went out some of the people on the seventh day for to gather, and they found none**—Despite clear instruction, 'some of the people' (הָעִם, ha'am) disobey, revealing that flesh resists rest. Their futile search proves God's word: 'there shall be none.' This unnecessary labor on Sabbath pictures religious flesh that cannot cease working for acceptance, unable to rest in completed redemption. The verb 'found none' (לֹא-מִתְצָא, lo matz'u) echoes Jesus' statement about those who seek salvation through works: 'many will seek to enter in, and shall not be able' (Luke 13:24). Sabbath-breaking exposes hearts that refuse grace, insisting on self-provision even when God declares the work complete.

## Historical Context

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This occurred on the first Sabbath after receiving manna instructions, showing how quickly human nature rebels against rest. Their disobedience brought divine rebuke in verse 28.

## Related Passages

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

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

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1. What drives the compulsion to 'gather' on Sabbath despite God's promise of sufficiency?
2. How does refusing rest in Christ's finished work manifest in ongoing attempts to earn righteousness?

## Interlinear Text

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H1961	day	on the seventh	And it came to pass that there went out	H4480
H3117		H7637	H3318	
some of the people	for to gather	H3808	and they found	H4672
H5971		H3950		

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