

Exodus 16:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And it shall come to pass, that on the sixth day they shall prepare that which they bring in; and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily.

Analysis

And it shall come to pass, that on the sixth day they shall prepare that which they bring in; and it shall be twice as much—The double portion on the sixth day introduces Sabbath rest before the formal giving of the law at Sinai. The Hebrew קָפָל (kaphal, 'double') requires faith that God's provision on one day suffices for two. This tests whether Israel believes God can provide without their labor. The sixth day preparation points forward to Christ's completed work—believers enter Sabbath rest because redemption is finished (Heb 4:9-10). Gathering manna becomes a daily enacted parable of grace: seeking early, receiving freely, trusting sufficiency.

Historical Context

This is the first mention of Sabbath principle in narrative form, predating the formal commandment at Sinai. The sixth day gathering established a weekly rhythm of provision and rest.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How does the double portion on day six picture God's abundance through Christ's finished work?
2. What areas of life require you to trust God's provision without your anxious labor?

Interlinear Text

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