

Numbers 11:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But now our soul is dried away: there is nothing at all, beside this manna, before our eyes.

Analysis

The complaint 'there is nothing at all, beside this manna' demonstrates contempt for God's miraculous provision. Manna was 'bread from heaven' (Psalm 78:24), yet Israel despised it as inadequate. This rejection of divine provision parallels rejecting Christ, the true 'bread of life' (John 6:35). Their craving for variety over miracle reveals hearts that prioritize satisfaction over sanctification.

Historical Context

Manna appeared daily for 40 years, providing complete nutrition and requiring trust in God's daily provision (Matthew 6:11). Archaeological and linguistic studies suggest manna may have been a sweet, honey-like substance that could be ground and baked.

Related Passages

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. In what ways do you despise God's faithful provision by craving worldly alternatives?

2. How does daily dependence on God for 'daily bread' build faith and contentment?

Interlinear Text

בְּלֹת־אָלָּוּת הַנֶּפֶשׁ הַיְבָשָׁה כִּי עַתָּה
H6258 But now our soul is dried away H369 H3605 there is nothing at all beside
H5315 H3002 H1115

אֵלָלָה כְּלֹת־אָלָּוּת
H413 this manna before our eyes H4478 H5869

Additional Cross-References

Numbers 21:5 (Parallel theme): And the people spake against God, and against Moses, Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? for there is no bread, neither is there any water; and our soul loatheth this light bread.

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