

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

וְעַתָּה ה	נַפְשֵׁנוּ	יִבֶּשֶׁה	אֵין	כֹּל	בְּלֹתָ י
H6258	But now our soul	is dried away	H369	H3605	there is nothing at all beside
	H5315	H3002			H1115
אֵל	הַמָּן	עֵינֵינוּ:			
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.