

Psalms 78:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And had rained down manna upon them to eat, and had given them of the corn of heaven.

Analysis

And had rained down manna upon them to eat, and had given them of the corn of heaven—*mān* (manna) means 'What is it?' (Exodus 16:15), reflecting Israel's bewilderment at this unprecedented food. Calling it 'corn [grain] of heaven' (*dēgan-šāmayim*) emphasizes its supernatural origin—heaven's agriculture producing earth's sustenance.

Jesus declared: 'I am the bread of life' (John 6:35), explicitly superseding manna: 'Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died... I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever' (John 6:49-51). Manna sustained physical life temporarily; Christ sustains spiritual life eternally. The Eucharist replaces wilderness bread.

Historical Context

Manna appeared six days weekly (none on Sabbath) throughout the wilderness wandering. Exodus 16:31 describes it as 'white like coriander seed' with honey-like taste. A golden pot of manna was preserved in the Ark of the Covenant (Hebrews 9:4).

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. How does receiving Christ as 'living bread' differ from merely consuming religious ritual?
2. What daily 'manna' does God provide that you're tempted to despise like Israel did?

Interlinear Text

וַיִּמָּטָר	עֲלֵיהֶם	מַנָּה	לֶאֱכֹל	וְדָגָן
And had rained down	H5921	manna	upon them to eat	them of the corn
H4305		H4478	H398	H1715
שָׁמַיִם	וַיִּתֵּן	לָמֹד:		
of heaven	and had given	H0		
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Additional Cross-References

Exodus 16:4 (Parallel theme): Then said the LORD unto Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law, or no.

Psalms 105:40 (Parallel theme): The people asked, and he brought quails, and satisfied them with the bread of heaven.

Exodus 16:14 (Parallel theme): And when the dew that lay was gone up, behold, upon the face of the wilderness there lay a small round thing, as small as the hoar frost on the ground.