

Psalm 78:28

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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—God's precision is remarkable: quail fell exactly where Israel could gather them with minimal effort. The phrase sābīb lə-miškēnōtāyw (round about their dwellings) indicates God delivered to their doorsteps. This accommodating provision makes their subsequent judgment more sobering—they can't claim inconvenience as excuse for disobedience.

God's generosity often precedes His judgment. Israel's filled stomachs and filled graves teach that blessing without obedience becomes curse. Jesus's parable of the rich fool (Luke 12:16-21) illustrates identical principle: barns overflowing with provision, soul required that night. 'Seek first his kingdom' (Matthew 6:33) must precede seeking provision.

Historical Context

Numbers 11:31-32 describes quail stacked 'two cubits deep' (about 3 feet) around the camp. People gathered continuously for two days, hoarding far beyond necessity. Their gluttony proved more destructive than hunger ever threatened to be.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How does easy access to provision (food, entertainment, comfort) test your spiritual health?
2. When has God 'delivered to your doorstep' something you craved, only to discover it wasn't what you needed?

Interlinear Text

למִשְׁכְּנָתֵיּוֹן	שׁ בְ יָבֵן	מִן־הַיּוֹם	בְּקָרְבָן	לְפָנָיו
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