

God Proves His People

Exodus 16:1-17:7

Proving—to try, ascertain or to find something by _____

- I. **Israel's Spiritual** _____ (16:1–12; Psa. 7:9; 26:2; 17:10)
 - A. Israel's difficulties revealed their _____ heart (I Pe. 1:7; Heb. 3:7–13).
 - B. Israel's difficulties revealed their _____ heart (Heb. 13:5).

- II. **Israel's Spiritual** _____ (16:13–17:3)
 - A. God used _____ everyday things to prove Israel (Ex. 16:4; Lu. 16:10–13).
 - B. God kept the manna before them continually to make sure they would _____ that He keeps His promises (Heb. 9:4; Ex. 16:32–35; Deut. 8:1–3; Josh. 5:12).

- III. **Israel's Spiritual** _____ (17:4–7)
 - A. The manna typifies how Christ _____ spiritual hunger (Jo. 6:31–35; I Cor. 10:3).
 1. It was _____—Christ's ability to completely satisfy spiritual hunger (Matt. 5:6).
 2. It was sent from _____—Christ was sent from Heaven (Jo. 1:14; 3:13, 16).
 3. It was _____—Christ is righteous (II Cor. 5:21; I Jo. 2:1).
 4. It tasted like _____—the sweetness of Christ's offering of Himself for us (II Cor. 2:15).
 5. There was _____ for everybody—Christ's atonement is sufficient (I Jo. 2:1–2).

6. It needed to be _____—we need to bow down our hearts to receive Christ (Lu. 18:17).
 7. It was gathered in the morning before it melted in the heat of the day—Christ must be received while He is yet near (II Cor. 6:2; Isa. 55:6).
- B. The Sabbath typifies Christ’s finished _____ for sins (Ex. 16:30; Heb. 4:1–10).
1. Seven is the number of _____ (Ge. 2:1–2).
 2. God rested from His work of _____ (Ge. 2:2–3).
 3. Israel was given an ordinance to _____ from their _____ on the Sabbath days and to keep every Sabbath day holy (Ex. 20:8–11).
 4. Christ finished all the work needed to redeem mankind leaving us only to _____ in His finished work (Jo. 17:4–5; 19:30; Col. 2:13–16).
- C. The Rock typifies Christ’s _____ foundation (Ex. 17:5–6; I Cor. 10:4; Matt. 16:18; Lu. 6:47–48).
1. God directed Moses to the _____ rock he was to smite with the rod (Ex. 17:6; Matt. 3:16–17; Jo. 6:66–69).
 2. The water coming out of the rock is a picture of the _____ (Jo. 4:14; Rev. 21:6; 22:1, 17).
 3. Moses named the place *Massah* and *Meribah* which means, “*temptation*” and “*contention*”, illustrating how the people tempted God with their chiding, questioning the reality of God’s presence after He had proven Himself over and over. It is important to note that God provided this water out of His _____ not their _____ (Ex. 17:7; Titus 3:5; Eph. 2:4–9).