

Keeping Your Spiritual Perspective

Quiet Time Study Outline 3: God provides – in spite of us (Exodus 16)

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This is one of the classic passages of scripture relating to God's provision for his people. Throughout the chapter there are two contrasting themes: God's unfailing faithful provision; and the Israelites' grumbling, disobedient response. In spite of the response of the people, God provided manna for 40 years.

Imagine how much more pleasant reading this chapter would have been if the Israelites had been trusting and grateful rather than grumbling and disobedient.

As you look at your income this month, do you thank God for the £1 that someone gave or grumble about the £1,000 that didn't come in as you expected?

Do you really trust God to meet your needs, even on the days when no 'manna' arrives (v.27)?

Because God loves us, he **will** provide for us whatever our response. But let's make it easier all round by being trusting, grateful receivers.

ACTION POINT Take some time to think through your attitudes towards God's provision. List below any areas of grumbling or disobedience and replace them with prayers of trust and gratefulness.