

## THE RAIN OF RATIONS

The International Sunday School Lesson For February 2 Is "The Giving of Manna" — Exodus 16:1-36

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I was in Great Britain when Lord Rhonda inaugurated his food rationing scheme; and I shall always be glad for the experience. As every traveler knows, the British are famous grumblers about their food; I have heard them grumbling clear around the world. Yet when the rationing scheme was put into effect for all, from king to coster, I never heard a whimper. All men adjusted themselves to the rigorous regime cheerfully, for the sake of an ideal. It revealed the truth that character has made great advances since the days of the whimpering Jews who would have exchanged their liberty for the flesh pots of Egypt.

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plenty in its hands, it denied itself for the sake of a service and a conviction.

**Bread Lines, Old and New**  
This far have we advanced, that the number of persons who will voluntarily go hungry for the sake of an ideal is not small. The emancipated Jews were not among them. When the pangs of hunger attacked them, they forgot all about the joys of liberty, about the marvelous crossing of the Red Sea, about the miracles of the plagues, about the Passover and about the twelve springs at Elim, and remembered only the flesh pots of Egypt. They preferred bread with beatings to hunger with honor.

One ailment of these wanderers, as of persons not a few today, was their inability to take long views, either backward or forward. They could not see beyond the present. When I shivered in the cold of Manchuria I thought that I would never again grumble at the heat; but in India a temperature of one hundred and fifty degrees smote me just as hard as if I had never known zero weather. Past and future were blotted out for these Israelites by the consciousness that they were hungry; if they could only be fed, they foolishly reasoned, they would mind no other ill.

**Facing the Verities**  
A certain mild-spoken son of a preacher remarked, in commenting

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upon one of his Boyville quarrels. "I don't know why it is, but somehow I never get to be really good friends with a fellow until I have licked him." There is a philosophy lying back of the youngster's remark. Jehovah could never get along with His chosen people until He had shown them His sovereignty, and they were dependent wholly upon Him. Now once again in the wilderness, as in Egypt and at the Red Sea, the Israelites had to be brought face to face with the great verity, that it is God who provides.

This was the lesson that was being taught, "line upon line, precept upon precept," in that forty-year session of the Wilderness school. The Jews had to learn before they could become in truth a nation, that Jehovah alone was God, and that He was their God, their guide, their protector, their provider. Proud man has to be made aware of his insufficiency; earth is utterly dependent upon heaven. In the face of a storm, a drought, a flood, he is as helpless as a cockleshell upon the wind-tossed ocean. To learn the existence of heaven it is worth while to feel the shaking of earth beneath one's feet.

The tremendous and vital truth of God's providence must be observed by secondary causes. What if He chooses to send our daily bread by the way of the wheat field, the plow and the bake oven, instead of rain from heaven? As Malbim D. Babcock sang:

"Back of the loaf is the snowy flour,  
And back of the flour the mill;  
And back of the mill is the wheat  
And the shower,  
And the sun and the Father's will."

**Greedy and Grumbling**  
Loyalty is the mark of the good soldier. A really fine fighter is sure to be a man who trusts his leaders in adversity as well as in prosperity. The universal revulsion against the German outburst of whimpering and fainting shows that there is a wholesome and instinctive repugnance in human nature against a lack of loyalty and stamina. In what glaring contrast it has been to the spirit of the brave Englishman, Henley, who sang:

"In the fell clutch of circumstance,  
I have not winced nor cried aloud,  
Beneath the budgeonings of chance,  
My head is bloody, but unbowed."

Those ungrateful slaves, "the whole congregation of the children of Israel," turned against their leaders soon as they felt the pinch of hardship. Hear them: "Would that we had died by the hand of Jehovah in the land of Egypt, where we ate bread to the full; for ye have brought us forth into this wilderness to kill the whole assembly with hunger."

Poor Moses! He deserved the sympathy which every great leader always deserves and nobly receives, and especial commiseration should be extended to him because he had to work with an uncommonly forgetful, ungrateful, unappreciative and rebellious aggregation of followers. Everybody finds it hard to work with people, and many are prone to say that they have the most ungrateful and difficult company of associates. But Moses really did have a rare lot of spineless grumblers on his hands. What a sermon he could preach on the grace of good nature!

Among earth's martyrs must be counted those who have to live with complaining, fault-finding, whimpering and petulant persons. More unhappy homes are caused by nagging and ill-nature than by manual labor. Just as this wicked habit (really, is drunkenness much worse?) turns the married state, which God meant to be a blissful one, into a state of torment, so fretting, worrying and fear convert the Christian's relationship with God, which should be a peaceful, confident thing, into a burden and a cross. John Wesley said that he would no more dare to fret than to swear; for he knew that both are expressions of impiety.

**The Rain of Bread**  
The grumbler would grumble in heaven, if a grumbler were ever admitted there. Jehovah undertook to show the Israelites that the root of their complaining lay deeper than the lack of bread. First, though, He made it plain that their murmuring was not against Moses and Aaron, but against Him. Who ever insults the king's ambassadors insults the king. They who rail against fate and circumstances are usually railing against God.

To vindicate His own glory, which is dearer to Him than men commonly think—Jehovah promised to rain bread from heaven for them day by day—bread in the morning, and, occasionally, at least, meat in the evening. It was to come day by day, suggesting that the spiritual life cannot be sustained on past experiences any more than the body on stale manna.

Of course all this was a miracle—"Manna" or "What is it?" cried the astonished pilgrims. But this is not wonderful. The principle of divine providence is so important that God will work any number of miracles to maintain it. Back of the fact, and not to be obscured by it, lies the truth. God will care for His own even if he has to send the Angel Gabriel down from the highest heaven to act as one of our messengers. "The Lord will provide," is the homely, tested teaching of this event, and of the history of those whom Jehovah has called. His friends throughout the centuries.

In a thousand ways during the war, by natural increase of harvest, by the appearance of unexpected allies and resources, by opportunistic fogs and rains, by the timely arrival of re-enforcements, by the development of women workers, we have been taught during the war of old, simple and profound lesson of the good providences of God. He is the Lord of the manna and the ravens and of the widow's cruse.

As to the manna, we can only repeat the exclamation of those who first found it—"What is it?" It was plainly not a natural product; we only know why it was sent and the purpose it served. When God's people are in need He brings out of His infinite treasure-house stores new and old for their help. They think lightly of Him who say that He can do no more than He has already done; Jehovah is God of exhaustless resources. Of late we have been surprised at the possibilities and resources within ourselves, as a nation and as individuals. Who would have dared to predict, five years ago, that North America could perform such wonders in army-creation, food-supply and conservation, and financial resources for national service? With the stress of the times, and in a fresh spirit of reverence, our people have made great calls upon God, and not in vain. Whatever the new conditions, whatever the peculiar circumstances, God can be trusted to indicate His Lordship and to take care of His own.

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## WAIVES RIGHTS IN CONGRESS PROBE

Swift Will Not Claim Exemption on Testimony, He Says

Washington, Jan. 31.—Questions of whether appearance of packers' representatives before Congress would grant them immunity from prosecution under Federal laws and of compelling the Federal Trade Commission to disclose the identity of witnesses upon whose testimony charges of collusion were brought against the packers came up at hearings yesterday before the Senate and House committees.

Louis F. Swift, president of Swift & Company, counsel conferring with his counsel, told the Senate Agricultural Committee he would waive any rights he might have in respect to his testimony regarding the abandonment of the M. K. and T. railroad stockyards at Fort Worth, Tex., located near plants in which Swift & Company and Armour & Company were interested.

The question of possible immunity for the witness was raised when Francis J. Heney began questioning Mr. Swift with regard to the abandonment of the railroad yards. Members of the committee said evidence in this matter had been referred to the Department of Justice, which was considering its application on the Sherman anti-trust law.

T. E. Wilson, president of Wilson & Company, was testifying before the House Interstate Commerce Committee when members brought up the matter of requiring the Federal Trade Commission to furnish the names of the witnesses. Mr. Wilson, in reply to questions, denied that there was any collusion among the packers to fix prices. Representative Winslow of Massachusetts, then said it would be useless to proceed further with the questioning of the witness unless the committee had something more to base questions on than "an anonymous allegation."

He suggested that the committee ask the trade Commission to submit their names and that the witnesses be called to testify.

The suggestion was embodied in a resolution offered by Representative Decker, of Missouri, which specified that if the Commission refused to give the names, the committee should demand them. A vote on it was not taken because several members objected, but the committee expects to dispose of the resolution today.

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