

The Promise of His Presence

Script - Numb. 33:14-15

- A. Ex. 16 The story of the manna and the 3 miracles that happened every week
 1. God promised Moses that He would go with him and give him rest (Numb. 33:14-15).
 2. This promise came right after the golden calf incident (Numb 32).
 3. God promised His presence and rest in the garden of Eden with the introduction of the Sabbath (Gen. 2:1-3).
 4. Moses endured everything because he saw Him who was invisible (Heb. 11:24-28).
 5. God revealed Himself to his people throughout history in special ways;
 - a. The ten plagues of Egypt
 - b. Leading them with the cloudy pillar.
 - c. Parting the Red Sea.
 - d. And giving them the manna for 40 years (Ex. 16).
 6. God performed 3 miracles each week with the manna (A double portion fell every Friday; None fell on Saturday and the manna was preserved fresh overnight from Friday until Sabbath).
 7. It was Christ that gave them the manna (Neh. 9:6-15; 1 Cor. 10:1-4; Acts 4:12; James 4:12).

- B. How the Jews interpreted the story of the manna and then perverted it in Christ day
 1. They got legalistic and condemned Jesus for healing on the Sabbath (Jn. 1:11; Mt. 23:23-24; Mt. 12:1-2; 9-14; Lk. 14:1-4; Jn. 5:1-17; 9:1-41; 19:31-33; 7:23-24).

- C. The real purpose of the story
 1. The real meaning of the Sabbath was not so man could adhere and fit into it legalistically (Mk. 2:27-28; Mt. 12:8).
 2. But that mankind would take a pause from other activities and remember God and enhance their walk with Him (Heb. 4:4-11). It is a sign that God's people are saved by faith.

- D. There should be miracles in the midst even today as we walk with Him.
 1. If we paused more often, on a regular scheduled basis to reflect on his promises and his presence then there would be more miracles in our midst.