

# “God Provides”

## Exo. 16:1-4

### Introduction

- I. One of the great things that God regularly does for us is provide the things that we need.
- II. Unfortunately, not everyone recognizes God's providence, nor does every one appreciate it the way that they should.
- III. The Israelites serve as a great example of how God provides, even when man does not show trust.

### Discussion

- I. Time after time, Israel showed a lack of faith in God.
  - A. After the departure from Egypt, the Israelites' quickly departed from their trust in God (Exo. 16:1-3).
  - B. Not only did their faith waver, but they also became complainers.
- II. Even in their rebellion, God still showed His goodness and provided (Exo. 16:5-7).
  - A. God was willing to reconfirm His love for Israel.
  - B. He provided for them quail and “bread from heaven” (Exo. 16:8).
- III. Every need was met for Israel (Exo. 16:13-18).
  - A. Even though they murmured, God was still faithful in providing.
  - B. Even through their disobedience, God still provided (Exo. 16:19-20).
- IV. Unfortunately, there are still many murmurers and complainers today.
  - A. God still provides (Matt. 6:24-34).
  - B. God gets the blame for a lot of things that He does not do, but we know that He is able to provide for us (2 Pet. 2:9; 1 Cor. 10:13).
  - C. God demonstrates great mercy and patience toward us (John 10:37-38).
  - D. Eventually, time will run out on chances to trust and obey God (2 Thess. 2:10-12; James 4:14; Heb. 9:27; 2 Cor. 5:9-11).

### Conclusion

- I. We can learn great things by studying Israel of old.
- II. God provided for them, and God still provides today.
- III. The greatest of blessings are in Christ, are you (Eph. 1:3).