

Let us begin the eighth lecture on Exodus, on chapters 15 and 16. / In chapter 15, the Israelites, who safely crossed the Red Sea, praise God. /God's great salvation was fulfilled.

/What did Moses tell the Israelites? / Stand firm and watch God's deliverance. / In reality, standing firm and watching God's salvation is not an easy thing to do.

/How should we wait for God's deliverance? / We must remain where we stand and hold onto our faith. / We must hold onto God's word. / We must be at that place.

/If we leave God's word, we do not remain where we are. /What happens when we do not obey God's word? / Internal conflicts may arise.

/Is this really right? Will I not fail if I do this? We start to worry. / On the other hand, when we obey God's word, we may be persecuted.

/We may be beaten or imprisoned. / Jesus was also beaten, and people spat at Him. / Remaining where we are standing refers to holding onto our faith in all situations.

/It is not ignoring the fact that the Egyptian army was pursuing the Israelites and that the Red Sea was standing before them. / We are not trying to deny reality. / We accept reality as it is, but we hold onto our faith even in the midst of it.

/Daniel knew that he would be thrown into the lions' den, but he did not stop praying. / He did not try to escape reality. / He just did not stop from praying, even if he would be thrown into the lions' den.

/We must remain at our place of faith. / Then we will see God's deliverance. / To persevere is to have faith. / How many people fall because they do not persevere?

/David persevered with faith. / Saul was his father-in-law. / David was a faithful servant who saved the nation. / Still, Saul pursued him for more than ten years to kill him.

/Saul formed a special team and pursued to kill David. / Yet, not once did David blame God. / Think about Joseph. / His older brothers tried to kill him.

/They sold him as a slave. / Joseph was acknowledged by Pharaoh as a faithful slave, but he was wrongly accused and imprisoned. / Every time he tried harder, things got more difficult. / He may have felt that God had forgotten him.

/Did you ever read about Joseph complaining to God? /God's deliverance comes to those who remain in their place and hold onto their faith. / However, enduring and waiting is not easy.

/Please read 15:1-2. / Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD: "I will sing to the LORD, for he is highly exalted. The horse and its rider he has hurled into the sea. The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him.

/They sang about God's glory. / They sang that God was worthy of glory. / They praised God, singing, "The LORD is my strength." / God is our only God and he is the strongest.

/Then how foolish is a believer who trusts in other things and not God? / God becomes our song of salvation. /He is the subject of all our praise.

/We must lift up our Father God on high / and give thanks that God is our true Father.

/Verses 3-6. / The LORD is a warrior; the LORD is his name. Pharaoh's chariots and his army he has hurled into the sea. The best of Pharaoh's officers are drowned in the Red Sea. The deep waters have covered them; they sank to the depths like a stone. "Your right hand, O LORD, was majestic in power. Your right hand, O LORD, shattered the enemy.

/God fights for us like a warrior. / He goes before us and leads us. / Jesus also said in John chapter 10 that He goes before the flocks of sheep and leads them.

/Jesus is not a shepherd who whips and hits His flock. / God goes personally leads us, just as our Shepherds leads us. /God fights for us.

/God is God who protects us. / God hurled the chariots and officers into the sea. / All the Egyptian armies were hurled into the Red Sea. / They sank into the depths like a stone.

/The power of God's right hand was displayed / The verse says that God shattered the enemy with his right hand.

/Verses 7-10. / In the greatness of your majesty you threw down those who opposed you. You unleashed your burning anger; it consumed them like stubble. By the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up. The surging waters stood firm like a wall; the deep waters congealed in the heart of the sea. "The enemy boasted, 'I will pursue, I will overtake them. I will divide the spoils; I will gorge myself on them. I will draw my sword and my hand will destroy them.' But you blew with your breath, and the sea covered them. They sank like lead in the mighty waters.

/God destroyed his enemies like dried weeds. / At the blast of his nostrils, the waters piled up. / The waters stood firm and the deep waters congealed in the heart of the sea.

/In 14:21, it says that God caused the east wind to blow. / The east wind comes from the desert and it is hot. / The east wind blew all night and made its way to the Red Sea.

/This was not a natural phenomenon. / This was God's special work. / God's works do not happen every day. / Yet, when God wants it to happen, such works can happen among us.

/When you pray for someone, / the paralyzed can be healed. / The dead can be brought back to life. / Difficult problems can be resolved.

/However, what must we be careful of? / We must never forget that whatever happens is not our work. / We must never be arrogant. / There were many people who did great things. / Most of them became arrogant and were ruined.

/They forgot that God did all the work. / They themselves became God. / They do not glorify God, but rather, take his glory.

/Did Moses take God's glory? / No, he gave all the glory to God.

/Verses 11-13. / "Who among the gods is like you, O LORD? Who is like you-- majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders? You stretched out your right hand and the earth swallowed them. "In your unfailing love you will lead the people you have redeemed. In your

strength you will guide them to your holy dwelling.

/Only God is worthy of all praise. / God is majestic / and holy. / He stretched out his right hand and the earth swallowed them.

/The right hand is God's hand of power. / It is also a hand of judgment to the enemies. / However, to his people, God's right hand becomes a hand of power and deliverance.

/God leads his people to deliverance / and allows them to enter his holy place. / Where is God's holy place? / Today, it is the spiritual world.

/It is the place where believers meet God. / It is a world of grace. / Believers must never forget that place of grace, the place of holiness. / Believers live by grace. / We cannot live without grace.

/Verses 14-15. / The nations will hear and tremble; anguish will grip the people of Philistia. The chiefs of Edom will be terrified, the leaders of Moab will be seized with trembling, the people of Canaan will melt away;

/The Philistines from the north would be seized in fear, / and the chiefs of Edom would be terrified. / The leaders of Moab would tremble, / and the inhabitants of Canaan would melt away. / Terror and dread fell on God's enemies.

/Verses 16-18. / terror and dread will fall upon them. By the power of your arm they will be as still as a stone-- until your people pass by, O LORD, until the people you bought pass by. You will bring them in and plant them on the mountain of your inheritance-- the place, O LORD, you made for your dwelling, the sanctuary, O Lord, your hands established. The LORD will reign for ever and ever."

/God's great power of deliverance was displayed. / God was with the Israelites when they crossed the Red Sea. / What can we compare the crossing of the Red Sea with?

/In 1 Corinthians chapter 10, it says that the Israelites were baptized as they crossed the Red Sea. / Our faith in Jesus and our salvation is like the crossing of the Red Sea.

/If we broaden our views, us believers living in faith during our lifetime is the same as the crossing of the Red Sea. / Wind blew when they crossed the Red Sea. / The wall stood like walls. / It appeared dangerous.

/However, it was a place that God was with them until the end. / God was with the people as they crossed the Red Sea. / It says that God's arms are wide. / God would lead his people and plant them on the mountain of his inheritance.

/No one can uproot what God plants. / The sanctuary God established, / God's kingdom. / God planted / his people. / This will be forever and ever.

/We must rely on God. / Miriam and the Israelite women greatly joyed and danced.

/Verses 19-20. / When Pharaoh's horses, chariots and horsemen went into the sea, the LORD brought the waters of the sea back over them, but the Israelites walked through the sea on dry ground. Then Miriam the prophetess, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand, and all the women followed her, with tambourines and dancing.

/Verse 21. / Miriam sang to them: "Sing to the LORD, for he is highly exalted. The horse and its rider he has hurled into the sea."

/Miriam sang about God's deliverance of the Israelites. / The Egyptians died because they tested God. / Hebrews 11:29 says, / the Egyptians died because they tested God.

/God's church and his people must not test God. / This refers to two things. / First, "Will God really help me?"

/Second, "Will God really be with me?" / "Will God really help me?" / "Is God really with me?" / These questions test God.

/In 1 Corinthians chapter 10, it says that the Israelites tested God and were destroyed in the wilderness. / Miriam praised God. / Miriam was Aaron's older sister. / She praised God for his great salvation. / She danced with a tambourine in her hand.

/Then the women danced and praised God with her. / They praised God for his glory. / They praised God for his salvation.

/Still, it not right to dance like that today in the New Testament period. / Just as John 4:24 says, / we must worship God in spirit and in truth.

/Worship services should be solemn. / There must be sincerity in worship. / We must worship God with serenity. / Even unbelievers give solemn sacrifices to their ancestors.

/Have you ever seen unbelievers dance while they gave sacrifices to their ancestors? / Even those who bow down before the dead are solemn. / Yet, churches today give wrong and impious worship to God.

/They play the drums during worship. / They worship noisily. / There has never been a case like this in traditional Christian history. / It has deviated from proper ways of worship. / It is worship that does not fear God.

/Worship must be solemn and truthful. / The order of worship is very important. / We must worship according to traditional ways.

/Verses 22-25. / Then Moses led Israel from the Red Sea and they went into the Desert of Shur. For three days they traveled in the desert without finding water. When they came to Marah, they could not drink its water because it was bitter. (That is why the place is called Marah.) So the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "What are we to drink?" Then Moses cried out to the LORD, and the LORD showed him a piece of wood. He threw it into the water, and the water became sweet. There the LORD made a decree and a law for them, and there he tested them.

/The Israelites walked for three days without water. / They were thirsty. / When they found water, / it was not drinkable.

/Hence, they began to grumble against Moses. / They had nothing to drink. / They told Moses that it was his fault. / Then Moses prayed.

/Then God told Moses to throw a piece of wood into the water. / Then the bitter water became sweet. / The water became drinkable.

/What does this teach us? / God's true servant turns undrinkable water into drinkable water. /

When Moses threw the piece of wood into the water, the bitter water became sweet.

/Turning bitter water into sweet water is the job of God's servants. / God's servants turn water of death into water of life. / God's true servants carry out works of life.

/True servants bring the lives of God's people to life. / God's word is our bread of life. / Revivals in churches do not happen through other means.

/Let's try things our way. / Let's make good programs in the church. / Let's work hard and bring revival in the church. People say these things.

/If God's word is alive in the church, / and if there are works that bring life to people, / the church will see revival. / True revival does not refer to the external scale of the church.

/A pastor once said, / there is a high mountain. / If Peter built a church on top of the mountain, would the church succeed? / If Paul built a church on top of the mountain, would the church see revival?

/What do you think? / Would the church on top of the mountain see revival if Peter or Paul built it? / Yes, it will grow. / The church would probably see revival. / The road would become wider because the number of believers would grow.

/Therefore, we must become servants of power, who are held by God's hands. / If a servant is used by God, / if a servant saves lives, / God's people will gather / wherever the servant goes.

/The sheep in this generation are hungry. / The sheep wander around and look for good grass to eat. / This generation needs servants who will bring old and new food from storages / to feed the sheep.

/Verses 25-26. / He said, "If you listen carefully to the voice of the LORD your God and do what is right in his eyes, if you pay attention to his commands and keep all his decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the LORD, who heals you." Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve springs and seventy palm trees, and they camped there near the water.

/God made commands and decrees for the Israelites. / God made his laws for us. / Then it says that God tested the Israelites.

/How does God test us? / He tests whether we listen to his word or not. / Deuteronomy chapter 8 says that God tests his people to see if they love him or don't.

/God tested them to see / whether they obeyed God's word or not, / and whether they loved God or not, / when they crossed the Red Sea / and when they crossed through the wilderness.

/We must pass the test. / What do we need most? / We must be believers with abilities. / We must be churches with abilities. / How are abilities made?

/We must have faith that has been tested. / God tests us / to see if we listen to his word, / if we act righteously and keep the commandments, / and if we observe his decrees.

/We must pass the test well / and receive blessings from God. / The Israelites passed the test and they came to the place with water.

/Verse 27. / Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve springs and seventy palm trees, and they camped there near the water.

/They passed the test, God led them to a place where there was water. / There were twelve springs of water and seventy palm trees. / It was a beautiful oasis.

/We encounter difficulties, / but our God is God who leads us to the water of life.

/Now we will continue with chapter 16, about manna.

/Please read verses 1-3. / The whole Israelite community set out from Elim and came to the Desert of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had come out of Egypt. In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the LORD's hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this



desert to starve this entire assembly to death."

/The Israelites arrived at the Desert of Sin, which was between Elim and Mount Sinai. / It was the fifteenth day of the second month after they had come out of Egypt. / They were about to run out of food that they brought from Egypt.

/Then the Israelites began to grumble against Moses. / They said that it was better when they sat around pots of meat in Egypt. / They said that it was better for them when they were slaves.

/They complained that they will die of hunger. / They began to grumble again. / The type of faith we have is displayed when we encounter difficulties.

/Verses 4-5. / Then the LORD said to Moses, "I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions. On the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring in, and that is to be twice as much as they gather on the other days."

/God told through Moses that he will rain down bread from heaven for them to eat. / They were to go out and gather a day's portion.

/Then God would test them and see whether they followed his instructions or not. / God gives us daily food. / First, he gives us spiritual food.

/First, we need God's word, which is food that we need. / Food for the body comes second and third. / God told us not to worry about what to eat. / We must not seek food.

/Jesus said to look at the birds of the air. / Only Gentiles sought food to eat.

/They were to gather food for six days, and on the seventh day, they were not to go out. / God would give them twice as much food on the sixth day.

/Verses 6-7. / So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you will know that it was the LORD who brought you out of Egypt, and in the morning you will see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we, that you should grumble against us?"

/Moses and Aaron said to the Israelites. / In the evening they would know that it was God who led them. / They would see God's great glory.

/God heard them grumble against him. / God gave them manna, and how would they see the glory of God? / God would show them his glory through manna from the sky.

/The manna showed God's love for the Israelites. / It also showed that the coming Messiah, Christ, would come and save God's people.

/Verse 8. / Moses also said, "You will know that it was the LORD when he gives you meat to eat in the evening and all the bread you want in the morning, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we? You are not grumbling against us, but against the LORD."

/God gave them meat to eat in the evening, / and all the bread they wanted in the morning. / Grumbling is disbelief. / Grumbling comes from the devil.

/Grumbling at the church, / grumbling at home, / and grumbling about one's circumstances / are all grumbling against God. / Grumbling against God is not faith.

/Listen carefully to what I am saying. / Listen to what I am saying. / Think about what you say when you pray. / We must speak words of delight when God listens to us.

/Verses 9-10. /Then Moses told Aaron, "Say to the entire Israelite community, 'Come before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.'" While Aaron was speaking to the whole Israelite community, they looked toward the desert, and there was the glory of the LORD appearing in the cloud.

/It says that God has heard their grumbings. / Aaron said, "Come before the LORD." / The glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. / What should we do to stop grumbling?

/First, we need to trust God's word. / If we believe that God is with us, then we will not grumble. / Second, we need to trust the power of God who is able to deliver us.

/Come near before the LORD. / This refers to repentance. / We must come near before the LORD with repenting hearts. / We must come near before the LORD every day.

/Verses 11-12. / The LORD said to Moses, "I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, 'At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God.'"

/God heard the Israelites grumbling. / God told them that by twilight they would be able to eat meat and by morning, they would be filled with bread.

/Verses 13-15. / That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor. When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread the LORD has given you to eat.

/Quails came. / In the evening, quails came and covered the camp. / The quails piled up as high as a meter from the ground.

/In Numbers 11:31-32, / it says that God brought quail with the wind. / The quails covered the path that was a day's worth of their journey.

/It was about 40 kilometers. / A quail is a little larger than a sparrow, / but its movements are slow. / Even a child can catch it.

/The Israelites caught quails in great numbers. / They were able to eat and eat, until they got tired of it and smelled like a quail.

/Verses 16-18. / This is what the LORD has commanded: 'Each one is to gather as much as he needs. Take an omer for each person you have in your tent.'" The Israelites did as they were told; some gathered much, some little. And when they measured it by the omer, he who gathered much did not have too much, and he who gathered little did not have too little. Each one gathered as much as he needed.

/One omer / is about 2.6 liters. / This was a day's amount of food for an adult. / The people went out and some gathered more and some gathered less, but no one lacked any.

/Verses 19-20. / Then Moses said to them, "No one is to keep any of it until morning." However, some of them paid no attention to Moses; they kept part of it until morning, but it was full of maggots and began to smell. So Moses was angry with them.

/No one was to leave any of the manna until the next morning. / Still, there were some people who left it to eat the next day. / Then it became full of maggots and began to smell. / Obedience to God's word is faith. / Faith is shown through obedience.

/Verse 21. / Each morning everyone gathered as much as he needed, and when the sun grew hot, it melted away.

/This shows that all worldly materials will melt away like the manna.

/Verses 22-24. / On the sixth day, they gathered twice as much-- two omers for each person-- and the leaders of the community came and reported this to Moses. He said to them, "This is what the LORD commanded: 'Tomorrow is to be a day of rest, a holy Sabbath to the LORD. So bake what you want to bake and boil what you want to boil. Save whatever is left and keep it until morning.'" So they saved it until morning, as Moses commanded, and it did not stink or get maggots in it.

/The people were told to gather twice as much on the sixth day. / They were told not to go out but rest on the Sabbath day. / There were still some who went out on the Sabbath to gather manna.

/However, God did not rain manna on the Sabbath day. / The Israelites baked or boiled the manna. / On the sixth day, they gathered twice as much, and all that was left did not spoil the next day.

/Today, working on Sundays goes against the Bible. / Selling and doing business on the Lord's Day is disobedience to the Bible. / We must completely rest on the Lord's Day. / God approved of spending time with families and at church.

/It is not right to have birthday parties on the Lord's Day. / It is not right for a believer to attend a wedding or get married on the Lord's Day.

/Verses 25-27. / "Eat it today," Moses said, "because today is a Sabbath to the LORD. You will not find any of it on the ground today. Six days you are to gather it, but on the seventh day, the Sabbath, there will not be any." Nevertheless, some of the people went out on the seventh day to gather it, but they found none.

/Verses 28-30. / Then the LORD said to Moses, "How long will you refuse to keep my commands and my instructions? Bear in mind that the LORD has given you the Sabbath; that is why on the sixth day he gives you bread for two days. Everyone is to stay where he is on the seventh day; no one is to go out." So the people rested on the seventh day.

/Some people went out to gather manna / even though God said that there would be nothing to gather on the Sabbath. / It was a sin to gather on the Sabbath. / Today, it is a sin / to break the Sabbath, / make money on the Sabbath, / and gain profits on the Sabbath.

/Verses 31-34. / The people of Israel called the bread manna. It was white like coriander seed and tasted like wafers made with honey. Moses said, "This is what the LORD has commanded: 'Take an omer of manna and keep it for the generations to come, so they can see the bread I gave you to eat in the desert when I brought you out of Egypt.'" So Moses said to Aaron, "Take a jar and put an omer of manna in it. Then place it before the LORD to be kept for the generations to come." As the LORD commanded Moses, Aaron put the manna in front of the Testimony, that it might be kept.

/The manna that God gave them was very delicious. / Moses told the people to save some and preserve it. / This is because it was spiritual food that God gave them.

/God gives spiritual food to those who obey him. / God lets them know that God gives them the food they need.

/Verses 35-36. / The Israelites ate manna forty years, until they came to a land that was settled; they ate manna until they reached the border of Canaan. (An omer is one tenth of an ephah.)

/For forty years, God fed them with manna. / Manna, in today's sense, refers to spiritual food that God gives us.

/Thank you very much.