## LESSON 31

- 1. After God led the Israelites out of Egypt, to what land was God leading the Israelites?
- -Back to the land of Canaan.
- 2. How did God lead the Israelites by day? -With a cloud.
- 3. How did God lead the Israelites by night? -With a pillar of fire.
- 4. Why did God lead the Israelites to the edge of the Red Sea?
- -God wanted to show both the Egyptians and the Israelites that He alone is God.
- 5. What did the Israelites do when they saw Pharaoh and his army coming to capture them again?
- -The Israelites blamed Moses, and said that they should have stayed in Egypt.
- 6. Were the Israelites able to save themselves? -No.
- 7. Why were the Israelites not able to save themselves?
  -Because the Red Sea was in front of them, the mountains were on both sides of them, and Pharaoh and his army were behind them.

- 8. Who was the only One who was able to save the Israelites?
- -God.
- 9. Why was it not difficult for God to open up the Red Sea?
- -Because God created the Red Sea.
- -Because God is the Master of all the seas.
- -Because God is all powerful, and can do everything.
- 10. Because Pharaoh and his army were coming to capture the Israelites again, what did God do to protect the Israelites?
- -God placed a cloud between the Israelites and Pharaoh's army.
- -The cloud shined light for the Israelites and made darkness for Pharaoh and his army.
- 11. What did God do after Pharaoh and his army followed the Israelites into the Red Sea?
- -God drowned Pharaoh and his army in the Red Sea.
- 12. Why did God protect the Israelites?
- -Because God promised to send the Savior through Abraham and the Israelites.
- -Because God also wanted to send His Bible through Abraham and the Israelites.
- -After God destroyed Pharaoh and his army in the Red Sea, to where did God lead the Israelites?

- -Into the desert.
- -What is a desert?
- -The desert is a land where there is only sand.
- -There is almost no soil in the desert.
- -There is almost no grass in the desert.
- -There are almost no trees in the desert.
- -There is only sand in the desert.
- -As God was leading the Israelites through the desert, what did the Israelites do?

## Let's read Exodus 16:1-3

- 1-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.
- 2-In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron.
- 3-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 criticized Moses and Aaron.

- -Why did the Israelites criticize Moses and Aaron?
- -Because they did not have any food.
- -Why did the Israelites not have any food?
- -Because there was no food in the desert.
- -There was only sand in the desert.
- -Was Moses able to find food for the Israelites in the desert?
- -No.
- -Why was Moses not able to find food for the Israelites in the desert?
- -Because there was no food in the desert.
- -Were the Israelites able to find food for themselves in the desert?
- -No.
- -Why were the Israelites not able to find food for themselves in the desert?
- -Because there was no food in the desert.
- -Who was the only One who was able to give the Israelites food in the desert?
- -God.

- -Did the Israelites believe God to give them food in the desert?
- -No.
- -Instead of believing God to give them food in the desert, what did the Israelites do?
- -They criticized Moses and Aaron.
- -Did God hear the Israelites criticize Moses and Aaron? -Yes.
- -What did God say to Moses?

#### Let's read Exodus 16:11-12

- 11-The LORD said to Moses,
- 12-"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 told Moses that He would give the Israelites food.
- -Even though the Israelites did not believe God, God said that He would give them food.
- -God was helping the Israelites even though they did not believe in Him.

- -Why does God help people even though they do not believe in Him?
- -Because God created all people.
- -Because God loves all people.
- -Because God wants to save all people.
- -Because God wants all people to believe in Him.
- -If we do not believe in God, will God save us?
- -No.
- -Did God let the Israelites die of hunger?
- -Did God give the Israelites food?

## Let's read Exodus 16:13a

13-That evening quail came and covered the camp.

- -What was the meat that God gave the Israelites that evening in the desert?
- -Quail.
- -There were so many quail that they covered the camp of the Israelites.
- -The next morning, God gave the Israelites more food.

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- 13-And in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp.
- 14-When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor.
- 15-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."
- 31-The people of Israel called the bread manna. It was white like coriander seed and tasted like wafers made with honey.
- -What was the food God gave to the Israelites the next morning?
- -God gave the Israelites bread.
- -The bread was spread all around the camp.
- -What did the Israelites call the bread which God sent down from heaven?
- -Manna.
- -Every morning, God sent bread as dew from heaven to feed the Israelites.
- -The manna from heaven which God gave the Israelites every morning was a sign of God's grace.

- -Even though Adam and Eve disobeyed God, God in His grace promised to send the Savior to save us.
- -Even though Noah and his family were sinners, God in His grace protected them from the flood.
- -Even though the Israelites did not believe in God, God in His grace saved them from slavery in Egypt.
- -Even though the Israelites did not believe God was able to save them, God in His grace opened the Red Sea so that they would escape Pharaoh and his army.
- -All of these are a sign of God's grace.
- -For all of the years that the Israelites were in the desert, God gave them manna every day.

## Let's read Exodus 16:35

- 35-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.
- -God never forgot one day to give the Israelites manna.
- -God always keeps His promises.
- -Even though God had given the Israelites quail and manna, the Israelites complained again.

#### Let's read Exodus 17:1-4

- 1-The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink.
- 2-So they quarrelled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses replied, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the LORD to the test?"
- 3-But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?"
- 4-Then Moses cried out to the LORD, "What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me."
- -Why were the Israelites complaining?
- -Because they had no water.
- -Why did the Israelites not have any water?
- -Because they were in the desert.
- -Because there is almost no water in the desert.
- -Was Moses able to find water for the Israelites in the desert?
- -No.
- -Why was Moses not able to find water for the Israelites in the desert?

- -Because there is almost no water in the desert.
- -Were the Israelites able to find water for themselves in the desert?
- -No.
- -Why were the Israelites not able to find water for themselves in the desert?
- -Because there is almost no water in the desert.
- -Who is the only One who was able to give the Israelites water in the desert?
- -God.
- -Did the Israelites believe God to give them water in the desert?
- -No.
- -Instead of believing God to give them water in the desert, what did the Israelites do?
- -They criticized Moses and Aaron.
- -Did God hear the Israelites criticize Moses and Aaron? -Yes.
- -Did God let the Israelites die of thirst?
- -What did God say to Moses?

## Let's read Exodus 17:5-6a

- 5-The LORD answered Moses, "Walk on ahead of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go.
- 6-I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink."
- -What did God tell Moses to do to get water?
- -God commanded Moses to hit a rock with his staff.
- -If Moses obeyed God, then God would give the Israelites water from the rock.
- -Who alone was able to give the Israelites water out of a rock?
- -God.
- -Did Moses obey God?

# Let's read Exodus 17:6b

- 6-So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel.
- -Moses obeyed God.

- -Moses hit the rock with his staff just as God told him to.
- -Because Moses obeyed God, God gave the Israelites water.
- -When we obey God, God will save us.
- -When we disobey God, God will not save us.
- -We must obey God according to God's way.
- -We cannot obey God by going our own way.
- -If we go our own way, God will not save us.
- -God will only save us if we go God's way.
- -Who alone can save us from the power of sin?
- -Only God.
- -Who alone can save us from the power of death?
- -Only God.
- -Who alone can save us from the power of Satan?
- -Only God.
- -Did God save the Israelites according to the way they decided?
- -No.
- -How did God save the Israelites?
- -According to the way that God decided.
- -How does God save all people?
- -According to the way that God decides.