

Sermon Notes

Exodus – The Revealing of God’s Glory and His Design for the Chosen

“An Early Word on Resting” – Exodus 16:21-36

I. Introduction.

A. Repetition for the memory is always a good thing.

1. Pastor Don’s experience.
2. All of the Bible is important, but some things are said repeatedly.

B. Today’s text highlights an often repeated command about rest.

1. North Americans are always in search of rest.

C. Reading of the text – Exodus 16:21-36

1. Clement of Rome

II. Exposition.

A. Verse 21.

1. “Gathered it morning by morning” – no hoarding.

B. Verse 22.

1. Double portion for Sunday observance – Exodus 16:5

C. Verses 23-24.

1. A “holy” day.

D. Verses 25-27.

1. “Sabbath,” verse 25. First occurrence of the noun form.
2. “Six days you shall gather it, but on the seventh day. . .”
Phrasing is idiomatic for Sabbath laws.
 - a. Ex. 20:9-11; 23:12; 31:15,17; 34:21; 35:2
3. “Some people went out to gather,” verse 27.

1. Problems over obedience – Ezekiel 20:10-13.

E. Verse 28.

1. Refused to keep the command.

F. Verses 29-30.

1. “The Lord (Yahweh) has given you the Sabbath,” verse 25.
2. A divine gift. Jesus’ view – Mark 2:27.
3. “Rest on the seventh day,” or people kept the Sabbath.
4. Typical practice – evening until evening.
5. God’s blessing – Isaiah 58:13-14.

G. Verses 31-32.

1. Manna as coriander seed, verse 31.
 - a. Another description – Numbers 11:7-9.
2. An omer, verse 32. Apparently a half gallon.

H. Verses 33-36.

1. Jar, verse 33 – Aramaic for basket.
2. “Throughout your generations,” verse 33.
 - a. Reminder, but forgotten.
3. Placed before the testimony, verse 34.
 - a. Exodus 38:21, Numbers 1:50,53.
4. Forty years, verse 35.
 - a. Joshua 5:12.

III. Application and Reflection.

A. Sabbath Regulation is highly significant.

1. Significance in the Law, but also creation – Gen. 2:2-3.
2. Unique in the ancient world.
3. Be careful of easily dismissing Sabbath regulations.
4. Reasons for viewing it as fulfilled.
5. Reasons for observing it in some way.
 - a. Westminster Confession of Faith.
 - b. Heidelberg Catechism.
 - c. Early church special day
 1. Acts 20:7; I Cor. 16:2; Rev. 1:10.

d. Key connection to T_____.

e. John Currid.