

## Doctrine of Manna and Christ

1. The manna being “small” (v. 14) speaks of the humiliation of Christ.
  - *Philippians 2:7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:*
  
2. The manna being small and round also speaks of the Lord’s eternity. A small round ring used in a marriage ceremony speaks of the completeness and eternity of the relationship, so the small round manna speaks of the completeness and eternity of Christ. He will always be the Bread of Life upon whom the soul shall feast.
  
3. The manna was white and speaks of the holiness and purity of Christ. The fact that the manna was translucent suggests the clean and pure nature of Jesus.
  - *John 8:46 Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me?*
  
4. The manna tasted like honey, which suggests the Lord Jesus is precious to the hearts of the saints. He speaks, and the heart believes and rejoices.
  - *Psalms 119:103 How sweet are thy words unto my taste! Yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!*
  
5. The manna was like fresh oil, which reminds Christians that Christ was anointed by the Holy Spirit and went about doing good.
  - *Luke 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, 19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.*
  
6. Manna was essential to Israel’s life. The people would have perished without it. Christ is essential to the believer. Without Him there is no eternal life.
  - *John 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: 28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.*
  - *Acts 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.*

7. Israel's manna had a supernatural origin. Christ was of supernatural origin.
- *John 6:51 I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.*
8. The manna was given in grace. The Hebrews did not earn or deserve the manna from heaven nor did they work for it. Christ is given in grace.
- *John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

In grace Jesus gave His life for His sheep.

- *John 10:17 Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. 18 No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.*
9. The manna was appropriated by faith. The people woke up each morning believing God would give them their daily bread, and so they went forth by faith. Christ also is appropriated by faith.
- *Acts 16:31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.*
10. Israel's manna was available to everyone. Christ is available to everyone, though not everyone will believe.

*Matthew 11:28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.*

11. The manna of Israel was always near to them. Jesus Christ has promised never to leave the Christian.
- *Hebrews 13:5 Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.*

“I’ve seen the lightning flashing, I’ve heard the thunder roll.  
I’ve felt sin’s breakers dashing, which almost conquered my soul.  
I’ve heard the voice of my Savior, bidding me still to fight on.  
He promised never to leave me, never to leave me alone!”

Ludie D. Pickett

12. The manna of Israel was needed day by day. Occupation with the person of Christ is essential, day by day. We are to feed upon Christ daily. We are to search out the Word daily as the Bereans did.

- *Acts 17:11 These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.*

13. The manna was eaten in order to give Israel strength to serve the Lord. In like manner, Christ, and the Word of God, must be eaten in order to receive spiritual strength for the journey of grace.

“When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word,  
What a glory He sheds on our way!  
While we do His good will, He abides with us still,  
And with all who will trust and obey”.

John H. Sammis

14. There was hidden manna in Israel in the Arc of the Covenant, and there is hidden manna given to the church.

- *Exodus 16:34 As the Lord commanded Moses, so Aaron laid it up before the Testimony, to be kept.*
- *Revelation 2: 17 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.*

Individuals that eat of the hidden manna will eat and remember all that the Lord Jesus has done for them at Calvary.

“The things that I love  
I hold dear to my heart  
They are borrowed and  
Not mine at all.

Jesus only let me use them  
To brighten my life  
So remind me, remind me dear Lord.

Roll back the curtain of memory now and then  
Show me where you brought me from and  
Where I could have been  
Just remember I'm a human and humans forget  
So remind me, remind me dear Lord.

Nothing good have I done  
To deserve God's own Son  
I'm not worthy of the scars  
In His hands  
Yet he chose the road to Calvary  
To die in my stead  
Why He loved me I can't understand

Roll back the curtain of memory now and then  
Show me where you brought me from and  
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15. The manna of Israel was eaten before they fully understood the mystery of God's provision. The believer can feed upon Christ without fully comprehending the fullness of the Lord's provisions. Nevertheless, there is strength for service and love for the One who has provided salvation.