

## Communion Meditation – In the Wilderness

Exodus 16.16-31

Thrift & Industry vs. Faith

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### Life in the Wilderness (6<sup>th</sup> in series)

#### Two Failures

- v19-20 ~ They kept leftovers until following morning
- v27 ~ People searched for manna on the Sabbath

#### Thrift and Industry

- These actions themselves were not wrong
  - Saving reflected **thrift**
  - Going out to gather on the 7<sup>th</sup> day reflected **industry**
- But they'd been instructed to trust God instead of either
  - Their actions did not reflect thrift and industry / but faithlessness

#### Manna Routine

- 6 days every week (Sunday to Friday) for 40 years they collected manna
  - Manna did not appear on Saturday ~ God rested that day too . . .
  - The manna that fell Sunday thru Thursday would rot that night
  - Whereas the manna that fell on Friday would not rot that night

#### Sabbath Change

- Until the Church was founded the Sabbath fell on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of the week
  - Man worked for 6 days then rested for one . . .
- But after the Church was founded the Sabbath fell on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the week
  - Man rested for one day then worked for six . . .
- “Is there significance in this?”
  - The Israelites started out their week working - looking forward a rest
  - We Christians start our week resting in God's completed work
  - This symbolizes our dependence upon God for everything

The Israelites had more faith in their thrift and industry than God's providence

“Do you have more faith in your thrift and industry than in God's providence?”

If you're tempted in that way ~ remember the reason for our 1<sup>st</sup> day Sabbath