

God Meets His People's Needs **Exodus 15:22-18:27**

I. Physical Needs - 15:22-17:7

1. Water to Drink - 15:22-27
 - 3 days after praising God, murmur – 22-24
 - God makes bitter water sweet - 23-25
 - God promises good health if they obey - 26
 - God provides oasis with wells of water - 27
2. Food to Eat - 16:1-22
 - People complain, there is no bread – 1-3
 - God gives Manna; Bread of Heaven – 4-5
 - Fresh bread every day (except Sabbath)
 - Quail provides meat for their diet – 8-13
 - Instructions for gathering Manna – 14-22
3. Rest for Their Bodies - 16:23-36
 - Sabbath Day set aside as a day of rest
 - No manna gathered on the Sabbath
 - Double on the day before the Sabbath
 - Pot of manna kept as a reminder
 - God provided manna every day for 40 yrs
 - Christ, true manna (living bread) – Jn 6:30-35
4. Water from the Smitten Rock - 17:1-7
 - Complain again because of no water – 1-3
 - God provides water from a rock – 4-7
 - Moses to strike rock, bring water – 5-6
 - Christ, our Rock smitten for us – 1 Cor 10:4
 - He supplies all of our needs – Phil. 4:19

II. Community Needs – 17:8-18:27

1. Victory when enemy attacks - 17:8-16
 - Amalek attacked Israel on their journey - 8
 - Joshua led the troops into battle – 9-10
 - Moses interceded before the Lord – 9-11
 - Aaron & Hur assist Moses, hold up his hands - 12
 - Lord gave victory as Moses interceded – 13
 - Lord worshipped as Jehovah-nissi – 14-16
 - Trust God to provide victory for us in Christ
2. Relief when burdens increase – 18:1-27
 - Moses' family joins him in wilderness – 1-5
 - They are source of strength & support for him
 - Jethro rejoices in God's blessing – 6-12
 - He is Moses' father-in-law
 - Counsels Moses to share the burden – 13-23
 - Select other men to share the work with you
 - Elders share leadership burden - 24-27
 - They are to help in judging the people
 - We can be overwhelmed trying to do it alone