

Gratitude: Manna: Wafers with Honey or Miserable Food? 1-19, Deuteronomy 8:2-3

If they possess genuine humility in their souls they will respond in faith, trusting the Lord to provide the solution to their problems. If they have arrogance in their souls they will react by complaining, whining, and projecting, not trusting the Lord to provide the solution.

Why do they not trust the Lord? They have no faith! Why do they have arrogance in their souls? They have no genuine humility! Why do they complain and whine? They have no gratitude! With such an inventory flowing in their streams of consciousness, these people are unteachable.

Nevertheless, here is God's message not only to them but to us: I am going to take care of you. You need to have faith in My Word. I will provide periodic tests so you can facilitate this faith into a spiritual skill.

The Exodus generation has seen two major demonstrations of God's unconditional provisions to them. The miracles at the Bitter Lakes and at Marah were not performed because the Jews were responsive to grace. They were performed because the Jewish nation had been given a promise by God to take all who would follow safely to Canaan, and God's integrity must fulfill that promise.

Who arrives alive in Santa Fé and who is destined to die in the *Jornada* will be determined by testing. Thus, for winners, the 40 years will be an *Jornada de la vida*, while for the losers they will be an *Jornada del muerto*.

In order to fulfill His promise to the nation, all Jews must be kept alive until testings determine the ones who have the necessary gratitude and those who don't. This was accomplished by the function of several divine policies and rationales:

- a. Righteousness demands righteousness.
- b. Faith alone in Jehovah Elohim alone results in the imputation of God's righteousness to the believer.
- c. Justice must always execute what righteousness demands.
- d. Righteousness demands that those who possess divine righteousness be blessed by justice.
- e. One of the blessings associated with the possession of divine righteousness is logistical grace support.
- f. One of the reasons for this principle is so that the believer can remain alive long enough to learn the plan of God.
- g. Another is so that the believer can remain alive so that God can fulfill His promises to them which are found in His Word.
- h. However, since volition is the issue in the Angelic Conflict, the only way individuals can fail to participate in the fulfillment of this promise to the nation is through personal negative volition.
- i. Such individuals die the sin unto death. Since God's promise was to the Jewish nation, those individuals who respond to the leadership and guidance of the Word will arrive alive at the Promised Land.
- j. Consequently, since justice is the point of contact between the essence of God and the believer, justice must execute what righteousness demands.
- k. And what righteousness demands is that those with gratitude are blessed while those who are arrogant are disciplined.
- l. The divine system by which these two attitudes are determined is testing.
- m. But in order to carry out the tests, all must be kept alive through logistical grace support.

- n. Forty years is adequate enough time for God to fairly test the content of each individual's stream of consciousness, neural network, and emotional health.

Therefore, we discern that the challenges of cosmos diabolicus are permitted so that we can either respond with biblical problem-solving devices or react with the arrogant skills. In order to be tested, one must be alive, therefore, food must be a daily provision. This daily provision was manna. It was not earned nor was it deserved by the Jews. It was a divine provision to believers.