PROVISIONS IN THE WILDERNESS

Nehemiah 9:19-25

We should marvel at God's magnificent and miraculous provisions for His people.

I. **GOD'S COMPASSIONS** (19a & 21a)

A. HIS PEOPLE ARE NOT FORSAKEN (19a)

- 1. He did not desert, abandon, give up or leave them behind even when they worshipped an idol (18)
- 2. He forgave them when they sinned (17)

B. HIS PEOPLE DID NOT WANT (21a)

- 1. Provisions given for forty years
- 2. Though under a death sentence, they continued to enjoy divine favor

II. GOD'S GIFTS

A. A CLOUD (19b)

- 1. The purpose Ex. 13:21-22
- 2. The protection Ex. 14:19-20
- 3. The pattern Num. 9:15-23

B. HIS GOOD SPIRIT (20a)

- 1. Providing instruction primarily through Moses
- 2. Empowering 70 to assist Moses in judgments Num. 11:16-17

C. MANNA (20b)

- 1. The details Exodus 16:14-15, 31
 - Accessible (14), unusual (15) and wonderful (31)
- 2. The entree Exodus 16:13 > Quail every evening
- 3. The purpose Exodus 16:12

D. WATER (20c)

- 1. From rocks
- a. At Horeb Ex. 17:1-6
- b. At Kadesh Num. 20:1-11
- 2. Large amounts See Psalm 78:15-16

E. CLOTHING AND HEALTH (21b)

- 1. Clothes that did not wear out
- 2. Feet that did not swell

F. LANDS AND LADS (22-25)

- 1. The lands
- a. In the wilderness (22) > See Num. 21:21-35
- b. In the Promised Land (23b-25)
- 2. Lads (23a)

G. SUMMARY - Psalm 105:43

- 1. Their joy
- 2. Their blessings
- a. Kindness (19a)
- b. Cloud (19b)
- c. Compass (20a)
- d. Crepes with Quail (20b)
- e. Clothing (21b)
- f. Comfort (21c)
- g. Kingdoms (22)
- h. Kids (23a)
- i. Canaan (23b-25)

III. **OUR CONDITION** - John 6:32-40

A. THE BREAD OF GOD (32-34)

- 1. God's gift (32)
- 2. From heaven (33a)
- 3. Life-giving (33b)
- 4. Desirable (34)

B. THE BREAD OF LIFE (35-40)

- 1. His name: Jesus (35a)
- 2. His offer (35b)
- 3. His guarantee (36-40)

CONCLUSION: See Deuteronomy 8:16-18

Let us praise God for His provisions (16), power (17) and promise (18)