

Sunday Morning, October 26

Services @8:30 & 10:45 | Sunday School for ALL Ages: 9:50-10:35

Pastor David Rawley brings the message...

"Can God Spread a Table in the Desert?"

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WHAT are the adults responsible to tell/teach and the youth to listen/learn?

• testimonies from men (3-4)

• expectations from God (5)

WHY is this intergenerational instruction so crucial?

• so the youth learn to **trust** God (7)

so the youth learn to <u>avoid</u>
mistakes made by the past generation (8)

The men of Ephraim ran away from battle... WHY?

 they were uncommitted to God's covenant [plan for Canaan] (9-10)

• they forgot past miracles (11-12)

Previous Israelites who had <u>experienced</u> miracles later challenged and angered God... WHY?

• Those miracles had changed their **circumstances** but had never changed their **hearts** (12-18)

Can God spread a table in the desert? (19)

It is not wrong to ask such a question when it is asked in **ignorance**.

In this case, the question communicated an attitude of **challenge** to God (17-20)

Yes... We know he can divide the sea and bring water from a rock and send manna... But can he actually give us meat? Maybe a baked potato and salad? He got us out of Egypt, but can he really take care of us in the desert?

IS THERE A TABLE FOR MY DESERT?

Do not be afraid to <u>ask</u> or <u>trust</u> God for the most extraordinary miracle!

If you seek only the **gift** rather than the **giver**, no feast will every satisfy you!

No amount or type of miracles will ever **cause** faith to happen!

It is not wrong to desire meat to supplement the manna. But to demand meat because you are **not satisfied** with bread makes the blessing of the bread to be **nothing**. This is wrong!