

105 Give thanks to the LORD;

call upon his name;

make his deeds known to all people!

² Sing to God;

sing praises to the Lord;

dwell on all his wondrous works!

³ Give praise to God's holy name!

Let the hearts rejoice of all those seeking the LORD!

⁴ Pursue the LORD and his strength;

seek his face always!

⁵ Remember the wondrous works he has done,

all his marvelous works, and the justice he declared—

⁶ you who are the offspring of Abraham, his servant,

and the children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

³⁷ Then God brought Israel out, filled with silver and gold;

not one of its tribes stumbled.

³⁸ Egypt celebrated when they left,

because the dread of Israel had come upon them.

³⁹ God spread out clouds as a covering;

gave lightning to provide light at night.

⁴⁰ The people asked, and God brought quail;

God filled them full with food from heaven.

⁴¹ God opened the rock and out gushed water—

flowing like a river through the desert!

⁴² Because God remembered his holy promise

to Abraham his servant,

⁴³ God brought his people out with rejoicing,

his chosen ones with songs of joy.

⁴⁴ God gave them the lands of other nations;

they inherited the wealth of many peoples—

⁴⁵ all so that they would keep his laws

and observe his instructions.

Praise the LORD!

Exodus 16:2-15
Common English Bible

²The whole Israelite community complained against Moses and Aaron in the desert. ³The Israelites said to them, “Oh, how we wish that the LORD had just put us to death while we were still in the land of Egypt. There we could sit by the pots cooking meat and eat our fill of bread. Instead, you’ve brought us out into this desert to starve this whole assembly to death.”

⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, “I’m going to make bread rain down from the sky for you. The people will go out each day and gather just enough for that day. In this way, I’ll test them to see whether or not they follow my Instruction. ⁵On the sixth day, when they measure out what they have collected, it will be twice as much as they collected on other days.” ⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “This evening you will know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt. ⁷And in the morning you will see the LORD’s glorious presence, because your complaints against the LORD have been heard. Who are we? Why blame us?” ⁸Moses continued, “The LORD will give you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning because the LORD heard the complaints you made against him. Who are we? Your complaints aren’t against us but against the LORD.”

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole Israelite community, ‘Come near to the LORD, because he’s heard your complaints.’” ¹⁰As Aaron spoke to the whole Israelite community, they turned to look toward the desert, and just then the glorious presence of the LORD appeared in the cloud.

¹¹The LORD spoke to Moses, ¹²“I’ve heard the complaints of the Israelites. Tell them, ‘At twilight you will eat meat. And in the morning you will have your fill of bread. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God.’”

¹³In the evening a flock of quail flew down and covered the camp. And in the morning there was a layer of dew all around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the desert surface were thin flakes, as thin as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, “What^[a] is it?” They didn’t know what it was.

Moses said to them, “This is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.