



**Journeying and Working
(The Manna and the Produce)
Sunday Sermon, August 16, 2026**

Yesterday August 15, 2026, India's 79th Independence Day

What do you do when "your world" suddenly changes?

LIFE IS LIVED IN SEASONS

We understand seasons in our natural world: summer, fall, winter, spring.

And many of us have realized that there are "seasons" in life's journey too.

Seasons of journeying, transition, moving from one to the next.
Seasons of staying, being rooted, working, consolidation.

GOD ORDERS THE SEASONS OF OUR LIVES

Psalms 31:15

My times are in Your hand; Deliver me from the hand of my enemies, And from those who persecute me.

Times = seasons, events, experiences, etc. the "when"s of my life, essentially my life is in your hands.

SEASONS CHANGE

We all know that seasons change. We transition from one season to the next.

Daniel 2:21

And He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and raises up kings; He gives wisdom to the wise And knowledge to those who have understanding.

While in Daniel 2, Daniel is speaking with reference to kingdoms and nations, we can state with confidence, that the times and seasons of our lives are in God's hands, and He changes these times and seasons.

JOURNEYING AND WORKING



Let's consider what happened in the lives of God's people as they journeyed through the wilderness and crossed over the river Jordan and arrived in the Promised Land.

Joshua 5:10-12

10 Now the children of Israel camped in Gilgal, and kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month at twilight on the plains of Jericho.

11 And they ate of the **produce of the land on the day after the Passover, unleavened bread and parched grain, on the very same day.**

12 Then the **manna ceased on the day after they had eaten the produce of the land; and the children of Israel no longer had manna, but they ate the food of the land of Canaan that year.**

In Exodus 12 they ate the first Passover as slaves in Egypt the night before their deliverance, on the 14th day of the first month of Nisan.

After 40 years, in Joshua 5:10-12 they kept the Passover on the 14th day of the first month of Nisan, as redeemed people, entering into their Promised Land, on the plains of Jericho.

In Exodus, Passover marks the beginning of the journey. A picture of redemption.

In Joshua, Passover marks the arrival at the destination. A picture of stepping in to possess their inheritance.

They were in an area called Gilgal. While the exact archeological location is unknown, from Biblical references we learn that Gilgal was located in the Jordan Valley, near Jericho, west of the Jordan River.

Gilgal = "rolling away". God had "rolled away" Israel's reproach.

Gilgal is the place where the second generation (the wilderness generation) of Israel was brought into covenant obedience before taking possession of Canaan.

On the 15th day they ate the produce of the land, and the manna stopped.

In EGYPT they worked as slaves and ate the food they were allotted.

In the WILDERNESS God provided MANNA from heaven as His people were in transition.

In the PROMISED LAND they had to work the ground for PRODUCE as free people.

Let's try to picture this transition and draw some practical insights from this. The Bible does teach us that what happened to the people of God in the Old Testament happened as examples for us to learn from (Romans 15:4; 1 Corinthians 10:6,11).



Let's observe some differences when they were in the season of journeying through the wilderness and had manna, and when they now transitioned into a season of arriving in the Promised Land and ate of the produce of the ground.

MANNA

- Manna was God's supernatural provision.
- Easy to gather, just fell from heaven each day. God provided. No labor involved. It came with the morning dew.
- It had to be gathered in the morning. Each person/house collected just what they needed for that day. They were not to hoard it overnight.
- They ground it and prepare food from it.
- Only on the sixth day, they gathered twice as much to eat through the Sabbath day. This manna did not spoil and was another miracle.
- Sadly, the Israelites even complained about the manna, and they longed for food they used to have in Egypt.
- God was observing the heart of His people.

(See: Exodus 16:31-35; Numbers 11:6-9; Deuteronomy 8:3,16; Psalm 78:23-25; John 6:323-5,48-51,58; Revelation 2:17)

Deuteronomy 8:3,16

3 So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD.

16 who fed you in the wilderness with manna, which your fathers did not know, that He might humble you and that He might test you, to do you good in the end—

PRODUCE

- Initially they ate of what the land produced.
- They had to work and cultivate the land. They had to sow, reap, process grain, etc.
- God promised to bless them in the work of their hands, their fields, their crops with rain.
- They would enjoy the fruit of their labor.
- They brought tithes and offerings of their produce.
- They blessed others in need of their produce.
- God said that they would have fields and vineyards they did not plant.
- God would observe their hearts. They were to remember God as the source of their prosperity. They were to acknowledge that everything they had belonged to God.



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(See: Leviticus 25:18-19,23; Deuteronomy 6:10-12; Deuteronomy 8:7-10,17-18; Deuteronomy 11:10-12; Joshua 5:11-12; Psalm 128:2; Isaiah 65:21-22)

Both were God's provision, but through different means.

With manna, God provided the food directly. The people just gathered, cooked and ate. MANNA was God's provision and blessing on obeying Him, during the JOURNEY.

In the land, God provided the land, seed, rain, strength, harvest, and blessing of their labor and the people participated in that provision through work and stewardship. The PRODUCE was God's provision and blessing in obeying Him, by WORKING.

In the WILDERNESS or in the PROMISED LAND, God was interested in their hearts being faithful and obedient to Him.

Here are some insights to ponder and apply in our lives:

#1, THERE ARE BLESSINGS IN EVERY SEASON.

If obeying God puts you in a season of transition, journeying from one place to the next, God is journeying with you and will bless you.

If obeying God puts you in a season of settling down and working in a place, God is with you and will bless you.

What you must do in each season may be different.
How the provision and blessings come may be different.
But God is there with you to provide and bless you.

Most importantly, God wants our hearts to be on Him and devoted to Him.

#2, ADAPT TO YOUR CURRENT SEASON, PREPARE FOR THE NEXT.

Joshua 5:12

Then the **manna** ceased on the day after they had eaten the produce of the land; and the children of Israel no longer had manna, but they ate the food of the land of Canaan that year.

We can imagine in our minds the people's reaction on the very first day manna fell.



We can also imagine in our minds the people's reaction on the very first day manna ceased.

The manna ceased.

They had to change from GATHERING FREELY to WORKING FAITHFULLY.

God's methods of provision may change. His blessings still flow!

Working is positioning yourself to receive His blessings.

#3, DO NOT BE JEALOUS OF SOMEONE ELSE IN A DIFFERENT SEASON.

Sometimes, we look at others around us and their life seems to be so easy. Everything just seems to fall for them "from the sky", like manna. You look at yourself, and you are working hard. You are ploughing the ground, sowing seed and waiting for the harvest.

Recognize that they could be in a different season of life.

Celebrate what God is doing in each other's lives.

In every season, guard your heart. Keep it pure. Keep it right. Keep it devoted to God.

#4, SEASONS CHANGE; GOD DOES NOT. HE IS STILL THE SAME.

Maintain your love and passion for God through all seasons. Whether things come easy like the manna or whether you have to work the ground to receive produce, He is still the Provider. We still worship Him, love Him and serve Him wholeheartedly.

SUMMARY

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God orders the seasons of our lives.



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Seasons change.
Journeying and working.

- #1, There are blessings in every season.
- #2, Adapt to your current season, prepare for the next.
- #3, Do not be jealous of someone else in a different season.
- #4, Seasons change; God does not. He is still the same.

GOSPEL AND SALVATION CALL

SUPERNATURAL MINISTRY TIME

Minister as the Spirit leads



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There is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 1.5 to 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

Preparation

Life Group Leader: To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon or review the Sunday Sermon notes. Please do not make your life group read through the complete sermon notes during the life group. All you need to do is have individuals read the Scriptures listed below and then open for a time of discussion, sharing and learning using the questions given below. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at our [sermons page](#). Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Welcome

The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship, and a fun activity.



LISTEN to God's Word

Read the following Scripture references: *Joshua 5:10-12; Romans 15:4, 1 Corinthians 10:6,11*

INVESTIGATE God's Word Together

Life Group is a discussion-based, participatory meeting with everyone given the opportunity to share their learning. Please discuss a few of these together, giving time for people to share their insights. We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.

1, Reflect on the "seasons of life", considering that life is lived in seasons. God orders the seasons of our lives. Seasons change.

2, Imagine and reflect how Israel adapted first to receiving manna daily from heaven, and then had to adapt to the manna ceasing, and now having to work and eat the produce of the land. What would have been their emotions, reactions and thoughts about God, as they experience change in seasons of God's work among them?

3, Discuss the practical application of these insights that were shared:

- a) There are blessings in every season.*
- b) Adapt to your current season, prepare for the next.*
- c) Do not be jealous of someone else in a different season.*
- d) Seasons change; God does not. He is still the same.*

Each one can take a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key insights and how they see themselves applying it to their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.

FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey

Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another

Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow, bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:

- 1, families to be protected and strengthened*



2, a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.

3, for the BUILD TO IMPACT project - for all details to go well as we plan and build our Bible college and church facilities to serve the Lord and people.

Close by thanking God together.



USEFUL RESOURCES

Watch our online Sunday Church service live stream every Sunday at 10:30am (Indian Time, GMT+5:30). Spirit filled, anointed worship, Word and ministry for healing, miracles, and deliverance.

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WEBSITE: <https://apcwo.org/live>

Our other websites and free resources:

CHURCH: <https://apcwo.org>

FREE SERMONS: <https://apcwo.org/resources/sermons>

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SERMON OUTLINE

Life is lived in seasons. God orders the seasons of our lives. Seasons change. Based on Joshua 5:10-12 we reflect on God's dealings with His people: In the WILDERNESS God provided MANNA from heaven as His people were in transition. In the PROMISED LAND they had to work the ground for PRODUCE as free people. MANNA was God's provision and blessing on obeying Him, during the JOURNEY. The PRODUCE was God's provision and blessing in obeying Him, by WORKING. In the WILDERNESS or in the PROMISED LAND, God was interested in their hearts being faithful and obedient to Him. We discuss some practical insights that we can apply to our lives: a) There are blessings in every



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season. b) Adapt to your current season, prepare for the next. c) Do not be jealous of someone else in a different season. d) Seasons change; God does not. He is still the same. This sermon includes free audio (mp3) and video of this powerful, motivational, expository teaching, free printable PDF sermon outlines, sermon notes and small group study guide with discussion questions and presentation slides. All resources (sermon PDF, sermon MP3, sermon video, sermon presentation) are free for use in personal study, small groups, Bible study prayer groups, local churches, conferences, Bible colleges, etc.

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