

"And when the dew that lay was gone up, behold, upon the face of the wilderness there lay [A Small Round Thing, As Small As The Hoar Frost](#) on the ground. And when the children of Israel saw it, they said one to another, 'It is manna:' for they wist not what it was. And Moses said unto them, 'This is the Bread which the LORD Hath Given you to eat.'" *Exodus 16:14-15 KJV*



Manna means, "What is it?" the question men always have when faced with the Wonders of God. Hoar frost is frozen dew that frames every shape of the landscape with an infinite plethora of delicate crystals. They reflect the morning sun like diamonds and are arguably one of the most beautiful sights human eyes can behold. It comes very close to the Wonder we will experience when we see the New Jerusalem. Manna represents the "Wonder" of God. When God Speaks, men can only stare in wonder at the Exquisiteness Created from nothing. Israel was in the wilderness – mostly sand. Manna was "a small round thing." Can you imagine the work involved with gathering it? Have you ever tried to pick up small things up out of the sand without getting any sand? Gathering manna was a family chore requiring great diligence! It was so tedious that some tried gathering more than needed. "Some of them left of it until the morning, and it bred worms, and stank!" Every morning we should gather "Manna" for our day from God's Word. We must gather enough for the day, morning, noon, and night. We need not worry for the morrow. There will be fresh manna daily as we traverse this wilderness below. Manna had to be gathered and prepared for the day. Mothers and Fathers need take a lesson here. Actively engage in the spiritual sustenance of your children as you do their bodily requirements. Sunday school is a great asset to the Family Altar, but not a substitute, nor replacement of parental obligation. "Train up a child..." is a serious obligation. We are stewards of our children, because they are Gifts from God. This puts a fine point on the practice of baby-killing! "Vengeance Is Mine.' Saith the Lord, 'I Will Repay.'" Every murdered child will be avenged by God, Himself, because each soul belongs to God! We do not get spiritual food by osmosis. We have to actively gather every morning. Today's manna will be of no use tomorrow. We must venture daily into God's Word and gather. Manna was a Gift from God to His People to sustain them where there was no sustenance, but they had to step out of their tents. God's Word will sustain you in the bleakest deserts of life!

The manna's mantle came each morn,
The earth with wonder was adorned,
The bread a gift from up above,
To demonstrate the Father's Love. –CGP

We need to step out of our "self" each morning and gather God's "Manna" for today. We must gather enough for today's journey only, confident there will be more tomorrow. We need not fret beyond the sunset, for God's Word Will Daily Bring Wonders to refresh our soul's pilgrimage. Meditate on what you gather, today. Eat today's Manna, today, and it will sustain you!

"It is of the LORD'S Mercies that we are not consumed, because His Compassions Fail Not. They Are New every morning: Great Is Thy Faithfulness." Lamentations 3:22-23 KJV