

9-2-2026 – WACKY WORSHIP – Honey from the Rock

Common things we see to remind us of our uncommon God.

We **need** reminders! See **honey?** **Tonight: Honey from the Rock**

Comes from 2 places in the Bible - **Psalm 81:16** - God expresses His heart toward His people thru the Psalmist: "**But you would be fed with the finest of wheat; with honey from the rock I would satisfy you.**"

What does this mean to us?

- ① It means that **God provides** for His people. God of provision.
 - David was living life in the wilderness; but God took care of him
 - Lacked nothing.
- ② It also means that we find **blessings** in **unexpected** places.
 - Along life's journey, we'll find God puts us in right place to **experience** His **goodness**, see His miracles, know Him/real.
 - Those **moments are to be remembered**; don't lose hope in the next storm.

End of Deuteronomy – Moses' farewell to the people. He's 120 yrs/old:

Remember you were slaves in Egypt & the Lord redeemed you.

Remember what the Lord did to get you here.

Remember the Lord in the land He is giving you. . .

. . . giving you a "land **flowing with milk and honey.**" – **Deut. 26:9**

Moses' Prayer: Deut. 26:15 – "Look down from heaven, your holy dwelling place, and bless your people Israel and the land you have given us as you promised on oath to our ancestors, a land flowing with milk and honey."

- Honey symbolizes blessings. ③ A land that is blessed. Good!
- It **symbolizes God's abundant blessings**, given thru His grace & love.
 - Honey . . . we do nothing to make it. **Bees do all the work.**

- We don't have to earn His blessings. Just trust Him & accept. God's blessings to us are given b/c He loves us.
 - Sure . . . more in store for obedience; but God gives good things to His people b/c God is good. B/c He is love.

Truth: We can also **forfeit** God's desired blessings by our actions... by grumbling & complaining against God **4**

Background – Numbers 13 – Moses/ 12 spies to Canaan (Joshua)

Joshua listed as: Hoshea. "Moses gave Hoshea son of Nun the name Joshua." Moses sent them to explore Canaan. Bring back some fruit. Gone 40 days.

- Spies return with Grapes. Pomegranates. Figs. A Report:
 - "We went into the land to which you sent us, and it does flow with milk & honey! But fortified cities. Powerful, large people.
- Only Joshua & Caleb urge them to go take the land:
- *"The land we passed through and explored is exceedingly good. ⁸ If the Lord is pleased with us, he will lead us into that land, a land flowing with milk and honey, and will give it to us."* – **Num. 13:7-8**
 - 10 spies gave bad report. . . Israelites grumbled, angry, wept.
 - "We should've died in Egypt. Or the wilderness. Let's choose another leader & go back to Egypt" – **Num. 14:3-4**

▪ They literally would rather die than trust God's promise!

Even after everything God did to get them there . . .

- God's response:
 - it's like God said, "You want to perish in this desert you're wandering in? You got it." (14:28-29)
 - Not one will see the land God promised to their ancestors. All those who grumbled against God will die in that wilderness.
 - You thought your children would be "taken as plunder" – but No, your children will "enjoy the land you have rejected."

- Your children will be shepherds here for 40 yrs, to suffer for your unfaithfulness, til “the last of your bodies lies in the wilderness” – **Num. 14:31-32**

5 - But even with ungrateful, forgetful people, **God kept His promise.**

Me? No. Get nothing now. **God?** My goodness will still come. **God can't help but be good . . . be loving.** His **goodness will flow to someone!**

- God promised land of Canaan to Abraham; “To your offspring I will give this land.” – **Gen. 12:-7** **Promise made hundreds/years before**
 - **Ex. 12:41** – “At the end of the **430 years**, to the very day, all the LORD’s divisions went out of the land of Egypt.”

Promise was to be fulfilled when God spoke to [Moses @ Burning Bush](#)
 ...**7** The LORD said, “I have indeed seen the affliction of My people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their oppressors, and I am aware of their sufferings. **8 I have come down to rescue them from the land of the Egyptians & to bring them up out of that land to a good & spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey.”**

- God doesn't break His promises. Doesn't lie. Take time, but on time!

And God kept His promise, even tho His people would turn from them. **6**

Deut.31:20 – “When I have brought them into the land flowing with milk and honey, the land I promised on oath to their ancestors, and when they eat their fill and thrive, they will turn to other gods and worship them, rejecting me and breaking my covenant. ²¹ And when many disasters and calamities come on them, this song will testify against them, because it will not be forgotten by their descendants. I know what they are disposed to do, even before I bring them into the land I promised them on oath.”

- God still wanted to bless His people, even tho He knew the future. God doesn't break His promises.

I said **Honey from the Rock** is in **2 places** in the Bible. Here is the **2d**:

God said to Moses - ¹⁹ “Now write down this song and teach it to the Israelites and have them sing it, so that it may be a witness for me against them.” – **Gen. 31**

From Genesis 32

¹⁰ He found them in a desert land, in an empty, howling wasteland.

He surrounded them and watched over them; he guarded them as he would

guard his own eyes ¹¹ Like an eagle that rouses her chicks and hovers over her

young, so he spread his wings to take them up and carried them safely on his

pinions. ¹² The Lord alone guided them; they followed no foreign gods. ¹³ He let

them ride over the highlands and feast on the crops of the fields. **He nourished**

them with honey from the rock and olive oil from the stony ground.”

- Honey from the Rock is what God **has done**, what He **will do**!

Right now, you may be walking thru a wilderness journey . . . unsure/next.

- God is w/you. **7 Trust Him**, He will shepherd you... where U need...

- Walk w/ Him. Along the way, God will provide honey/ rock for U.

- Blessings you don't earn or deserve. You didn't toil for it.

- It's God's goodness b/c He loves you. He provides.

- **Truth: the hardest, scariest, most difficult places in life reveal the greatest "sweetness" from God – His power, deliverance, & love.**

Let's end where we began:

Psalms 81 – God divinely inspired David – this is for anyone in the wilderness:

¹⁰ I am the Lord your God, who brought you up out of Egypt. Open wide your mouth and

I will fill it. ¹¹ “But my people would not listen to me; Israel would not submit to me. ¹² So

I gave them over to their stubborn hearts to follow their own devices. ¹³ “If my people

would only listen to me, if Israel would only follow my ways, ¹⁴ how quickly I would

subdue their enemies and turn my hand against their foes! ¹⁵ Those who hate

the Lord would cringe before him, and their punishment would last forever. ¹⁶ But you

would be fed with the finest of wheat; with **honey from the rock I would satisfy you.”**