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### Why Do We Not Harken?

Instructions have been given for our learning since the first man Adam walked the face of this earth. He did not keep God's instructions and neither did his posterity, which we are a part of. You would think we would learn better at some point, but it has not happened and will not happen in this world due to our sin nature. However, that is no excuse for us not to try to walk in righteousness; doing that which is just and right in the eyes of God.

There was a time as recorded by Moses in the book of Exodus where the children of Israel were in the wilderness after being delivered out of bondage in Egypt by the mighty hand of God. It was no small thing! God wrought His work in a manner for all to see and to behold His power. They had been complaining about the lack of food as they moved about and the Lord heard their cry and gave them quails in the evening and then manna to eat in the morning (it tasted like honey wafers).

In Exodus 16:19 Moses told the Israelites to gather what they needed for that day only as there would be more the next day - **“And Moses said, Let no man leave of it till the morning.”** Their lack of faith and failure to hearken unto the instructions of Moses, resulted in judgment being rendered. In verse 20 it says, **“Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto Moses; but some of them left of it until the morning, and it bred worms, and stank: and Moses was wroth with them.”**

Just like us today, Israel backslid again; and they didn't wait long to do so. In Exodus 16:22 and 23, they were to gather twice as much bread on the sixth day in order to keep the Sabbath day Holy by resting and not working. Did they do it the way they had been instructed? However, in verse 27 we find “that there went out some of the people on the seventh day for to gather, and they found none.” This prompted the Lord to say unto Moses, **“How long refuse ye to keep my commandments and my laws?”**

(vs. 28). Need we wonder why that we, as a portion of God's people, have to face the judgments of the Lord?

God's Holy Word (the Bible) is full of instructions which are good for all of us to follow. Unfortunately, we **“all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;...”** (Romans 3:23). We are so blessed to have a compassionate, loving, and forgiving God. May we endeavor to do His will with all the ability we have, rendering Him Praise, Honor and Glory. ***“Think About It!”***