

Made to Grow:
Sabbath's Provision in Redemption
Exodus 15-16

How does God overcome the enslavement of our rebellious materialistic dependence to restore us to our full humanity?

To overcome our materialistic dependence, God's all sufficient grace redeems and instructs his rescued people to live a new life of joyful and faithful stewardship dependent on him alone. God's faithful stewards are ransomed from their materialistic enslavement by experiencing the joy of...

- I. His all-sufficient grace in his work of redemption – learning to receive (trust) in God's deliverance: He has become my salvation (Exodus 15:1-11).
 - a. The journey from Eden to Egypt – rescuing and restoring the physical and spiritual aspects of our true humanity (God's prerogative – dominion, purpose – fruitful multiplication, and provision – food).
 - b. Faithful biblical stewardship begins by acknowledging God as creator, provider, and redeemer (the Lamb – Rev 4:11, 5:9-12).
- II. His all-sufficient grace in his work of sanctification (instruction) – learning to receive (trust) in God's ongoing provision: give us this day our daily bread (Exodus 16, John 17:17).
 - a. Six days: learning to joyfully depend on God for our daily bread and overcome enslavement to scarcity, complaining, hoarding, laziness.
 - b. Sabbath: learning to joyfully trust God's finished work as the final destination of God's journey of provision.

God allows his people the privilege of giving
Not to make himself richer, since he is the owner of it all,
But to experience the joy of sharing what we value
with those whom we love.

1. Have you experienced the gift of salvation? If you would like to experience the joy of the new life in Christ, talk to one of our pastors today or check out the message at ineednew.life
2. Are you a thankful person for God's provisions? If you are not experiencing ongoing joy in generosity, it is possible that you need the space Sabbath provides to recalibrate and realize your life rests on his all-sufficient grace, not your materialistic dependence.
3. Are the weeds of wealth deceptiveness choking the seed of God's grace in your life? Perhaps it is time to confess and repent from the ingratitude of our worldly rhythm day to day.