

and in the whole situation cannot be described on a purely natural basis. It is one of the few ~~of the one~~ great incidents or periods when God ⁱⁿ physical ways intervened supernaturally with great power, and yet we find that the great bulk of ~~of~~ the events are events where God used human instrumentality, human efforts, human thought, human physical strength to accomplish the things that He desired them to do. The miracles were not all the time, ~~but~~ by any means, except ~~the manna~~ ^{the manna} of course that was coming every day and it did not come on the Sabbath and it would not last overnight, it would spoil. But one night a week it would last. God caused that for a lesson to them.

And in our lives God wants us to ^{recognize} realize that He is present with us all the time; that He is here and he is dealing with us. And He wants us to keep our eyes fixed on Him. He does not want us to expect that He will perform supernatural-acts in the physical realm for us, and yet not to ~~rule~~ ^{rule} out the possibility. God may do wonderful works of healing in our day. And we have no right to say that He must do them. He does them if he chooses to do them. Paul prayed that His thorn in the flesh would be taken away from him. He prayed three times and God showed him it was not His ~~will~~ will. God enabled Paul to be His instrument in healing other people but Paul himself had to suffer from that. And we cannot say that God will solve every physical problem for us because He may; He will solve many problems for us but on the other hand He will often choose that we will glorify Him ^{by} in the way that we take the bitter waters that He gives ~~and us and by the way that we do not~~ allow it to embitter us, but that we show a sweet Christian spirit in going through experiences that He may choose not to deliver us out of.

And so the wilderness journey is a most appropriate figure for our lives . But there is one more point in connection with this matter of miracles that it is vital for us to mention here in connection with the instance of the manna and the quails and that is this: Human knowledge is insufficient to determine when God uses natural occurrences