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Colors

White Manna

When the children of Israel murmured against God in the wilderness because they had nothing to eat or to drink, the Lord gave them bread that they called "manna." This manna is described to us in Ex. 16:31 "And the house of Israel called the name thereof Manna: and it was like coriander seed, white; and the taste of it was like wafers made with honey." Each morning for the first six days of each week, the children of Israel gathered manna for their daily food. On the sixth day, they gathered enough for two days so they gathered not on the Sabbath day.

In many ways, this manna was spiritually comparable to the scriptures: Deu. 8:3 "And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live." Moreover, the scriptures are according to the words of the Lord a testimony of Jesus: John 5:39 "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me." Like the scriptures, the manna in the wilderness was a testimony of Jesus.

The Lord compared the manna in the wilderness to himself in John 6:31-35: "Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat. Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world. Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread. And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst."

As Jesus is the bread of life to his children, the **white** color of the manna testifies of the **righteousness** of the Lord Jesus Christ. In typical fashion, the children of Israel were eating of that bread of life that is altogether righteous. He is the **Righteous One** and through his righteousness we are made righteous.