

Gratitude: Laws of Lovingkindness & Longsuffering: Laws of Divine Punitive Action, continued

Logistical grace is designed to provide the reversionistic believer with the opportunity to suffer, the opportunity to orient and adjust, and the opportunity to recover.

There were two generations of Jews in the *Sinai Jornada*. The first was negative while the second was positive. Both were tested by the lack of logistics natural to a desert region. God never intended for them to starve but to demonstrate in the sparse environment of the Jornada that they could trust Him for every need.

The constant production of miracles in the midst of depravation were designed to, first, develop gratitude and, second, built trust in the God of Israel. But no matter how many miracles were exhibited by our Lord, the first generation was never happy. They never trusted the Lord because they never understood immutability. They never had any sustained reading on their Gratitude Gauges because they never understood His grace. The no-water, no-food tests were designed to teach the Jews that no matter what, God will keep the believer alive.

Because the miracles always provided necessary provisions before anyone thirsted or starved to death, it was apparent that God did not bring them out into the *Jornada* to kill them but rather to train them. In order to train a person, they must be teachable and teachability requires genuine humility.

Genuine humility develops from an attitude of gratitude toward an omnipotent God who can take care of details regardless of how desperate the circumstances may be. When the reading begins to go up on the Gratitude Gauge then the believer has started to orient and adjust to the reality that the soul is far more important than the body.

Matthew 4:4 - Man does not live only on bread but on the basis of every word that proceeds out from the mouth of God.

Psalm 138:2 - He has magnified His Word above and beyond His own reputation.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 - In everything give thanks for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.