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the Jews did, who went out to gather it on the sabbath, but found none (*verse 27*), we shall find ourselves in a similar position as the five foolish virgins mentioned in *Matthew xxv.*, and we shall be shut out from eternal life and glory. We shall then be ready enough to gather, but we shall find none. Such souls will find that their summer time for gathering is past, and they are not saved (*Jeremiah viii. 20*).

Thus were the people of Israel taught by God, how, in the wilderness, where there was no pasture, He could feed them, and fill them with bread, showing so fully the truth afterwards written in *Deuteronomy viii. 3*, that man lives by the direct providence of God, and not by mere eating and drinking. Should not this chapter teach us also, in these days, how in the most barren and unlikely places, and where we might see nothing but suffering and starvation, God can bring forth plenty to satisfy our every want, even "exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think" (*Ephesians iii. 20*). Let us have more faith and confidence in a loving God, and remember the admonition written in *Isaiah l. 10*.

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