

Silver Creek Fellowship NOTES

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EXODUS THE WILDERNESS

I. God's deliverance.

A. Deliverance from the bondage of Egypt.

B. Bring them into the land of Promise.

Exodus 2:24-25 (NKJV) "So God heard their groaning, and God remembered His covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. And God looked upon the children of Israel, and God acknowledged them."

Exodus 6:7-8 (NKJV) "I will take you as My people, and I will be your God. Then you shall know that I am the Lord your God who brings you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. And I will bring you into the land which I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; and I will give it to you as a heritage: I am the Lord."

II. The wilderness of Israel.

A. Israel's wilderness is marked with complaining.

Exodus 15:22-24 (NKJV) "So Moses brought Israel from the Red Sea; then they went out into the Wilderness of Shur. And they went three days in the wilderness and found no water. Now when they came to Marah, they could not drink the waters of Marah, for they were bitter. Therefore the name of it was called Marah. And the people complained against Moses, saying, 'What shall we drink?'"

Exodus 16:1-3 (NKJV) "And they journeyed from Elim, and all the congregation of the children of Israel came to the Wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they departed from the land of Egypt. Then the whole congregation of the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. And the children of Israel said to them, 'Oh, that we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and when we ate bread to the full! For you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.'"

B. Ultimately this led to them missing God's plan.

C. They experienced the provision of God but missed the Promise.

III. The wilderness of Jesus.

A. Jesus' wilderness was one of discovery and victory.

1. Discovery of who the Holy Spirit was in Him.

Luke 4:1 (NKJV) "Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,"

2. Discovery of His message and mission.

Luke 4:14-19 (NKJV) "Then Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news of Him went out through all the surrounding region. And He taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all. So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written: The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord."

B. Victory over the enemy.

Luke 4:13 (NKJV) "Now when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time."

IV. The believer's wilderness.

1 Corinthians 10:11 (NKJV) "Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come."

A. Our wilderness is not a physical place but consists of:

1. Attacks of the enemy.
2. The difficult circumstances posed by living in a broken world.
3. Normal life changes.

B. The testing of God.

1. In all of these things there is a testing of God.
2. The tests are intended to move us forward not to hold us back.

C. Wilderness expectations.

1. Expect to pass through.

Psalms 23:4 (NKJV) "Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me."

2. Expect God to do the unexpected.

Exodus 15:25 (NKJV) "So he cried out to the Lord, and the Lord showed him a tree. When he cast it into the waters, the waters were made sweet. There He made a statute and an ordinance for them, and there He tested them,"

Galatians 3:13-14 (NKJV) "Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, 'Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree'), that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith."

Exodus 16:4-5 (NKJV) "Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you. And the people shall go out and gather a certain quota every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in My law or not. And it shall be on the sixth day that they shall prepare what they bring in, and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily.'"

John 6:32-35 (NKJV) "Then Jesus said to them, 'Most assuredly, I say to you, Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' Then they said to Him, 'Lord, give us this bread always.' And Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.'"

Exodus 17:5-6 (NKJV) "And the Lord said to Moses, 'Go on before the people, and take with you some of the elders of Israel. Also take in your hand your rod with which you struck the river, and go. Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock in Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it, that the people may drink.' And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel."

1 Corinthians 10:1-4 (NKJV) "Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ."

3. Expect God to be the I am.

Exodus 15:26 (NKJV) "He said, 'If you will diligently obey the Lord your God, and do what is right in his sight, and pay attention to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, then all the diseases that I brought on the Egyptians I will not bring on you, for I am the Lord your healer.'"

John 8:58 (NKJV) "Jesus said to them, 'Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.'"

4. Expect to learn something about yourself.