

Through the Wilderness - *Camp 2021*

Week 9 - The Covenant, The King, and The Kingdom (6-30-21)

Psalm 136:16 “To Him which led His people through the wilderness: for His mercy endureth forever.”

I. The mercy of God led His people through the wilderness and His enduring mercy will lead us through as well.

A. What are some of the wilderness experiences God has led you through? List 2 or 3

1. Physical?
2. Mental?
3. Emotional?
4. Relational?
5. Spiritual?

B. How did He lead you through?

C. How did it effect your life and faith?

D. What did you learn in the wilderness?

1. About yourself?
2. About God?

Duet. 8:3 - “...Man doth not live by bread only, but by every word the proceedeth out of the mouth of The Lord...”

II. Deut. 8:1-18 God led Israel 40 years in the wilderness.

A. The journey should have only taken a couple weeks but an evil report from 10 spies delayed the “Though the wilderness” plan and cost the old generation their promised land blessing.

B. (vs 16) God’s purpose in the wilderness was to:

1. Humble them
2. Prove them
3. Know their heart

C. (vs 15) Dangers in the wilderness:

1. Serpents
2. Scorpions
3. No water
4. No food

D. God’s mercy provided, protected, and prepared Israel for the promised land.

1. You can never walk in the things God has for you until you walk through the doors that He opens before you.

E. Don’t forget God in the promised Land with it’s bountiful blessings.

1. **Failing Miserably**: Failure is rarely final if we learn and grow through it.

- a) Fear gripped the hearts of the Israelites upon hearing the report of the 10 spies.
- b) They failed to enter on into the promised land.
- c) Fear is a thief. It robs us of:

(1) Courage to move forward and obey God (Spiritual Paralysis)

(2) Blessings God has for us in the promised land

- (3) Peace and Joy - Fear has torment (1 John 4:18)
- 2. **Succeeding Miserably**: The only thing worse than failing miserably is succeeding more miserably.
 - a) Israel enjoyed some of God's blessings even in the wilderness.
 - (1) food - manna and quail
 - (2) water - from the Rock
 - (3) Provision - clothes and shoes didn't wear out
 - (4) God's Law - 10 commandments
- 3. **True Success**: Courage and obedience to enter into the promised land (Joshua 1:1-18 and Chapters 2-5)
 - a) Joshua heard from God and prepared His people
 - b) Joshua sent spies into Jericho. Fear has gripped the city.
 - c) Covenant with Rahab
 - d) Israel Follows the priests and The Arc across the Jordan river
 - e) Memorial stones - Mark the occasion
 - f) Jericho Falls