

The Wilderness of Sin (Exodus 16:1)

Hebrews 11:25, "Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;"

"Sin will take you farther than you want to go, slowly, but surely taking control. Sin will keep you longer than you want to stay. And sin will cost you far more than you want to pay."

I. LEADERSHIP FOUGHT (EXODUS 16:2, 8)

A. THOSE WHO ARE IN THE WILDERNESS OF SIN ALWAYS FIGHT GODLY LEADERS.

I Corinthians 11:1, "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ."

B. WHEN YOU FIGHT LEADERSHIP, YOU'RE REALLY FIGHTING GOD. (EXODUS 16:8)

Proverbs 20:1, "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise."

Matthew 5:28, "Whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart."

I Timothy 2:9, "In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety"

Malachi 3:8, "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings."

I Corinthians 7:1, "It is good for a man not to touch a woman."

Hebrews 13:4, "Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge."

II. A LACK OF FAITH (EXODUS 16:3)

A. YOU CAN'T JOURNEY IN THE WILDERNESS OF SIN AND HAVE FAITH.

Romans 14:23-B, ". . . for whatsoever is not of faith is sin."

Romans 10:17, "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

B. PRINCIPLES

1. Take time to recognize your true friends and your false ones.
2. Take time to recognize who you're really mad at.
3. Stay in God's Word, even if sin has taken your desire away.

III. LAWS FORSAKEN (EXODUS 16:13-20, 27-28)

A. THEY THOUGHT THEY HAD A BETTER PLAN THAN GOD.

Proverbs 29:15, "¶ The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame."

Matthew 19:9, "And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery."

Proverbs 3:5, "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

B. THEY WEREN'T SATISFIED WITH WHAT GOD GAVE THEM.

C. GOD WAS TEACHING THEM A LESSON IN FAITH.

IV. LOUSY FOOD (EXODUS 16:20)

A. THEY THOUGHT THEY'D WAKE UP AND EVERYTHING WOULD BE ALRIGHT.

B. AFTER GOD HAS FORGIVEN YOU, THERE'S ALWAYS LOUSY FOOD LEFTOVER.

V. THE LORD'S FORGIVENESS (EXODUS 16:8)

A. GOD HEARD THEIR MURMURINGS.

B. PRINCIPLES

1. It is not necessary for you to always understand God.
2. God doesn't always have to be fair.
3. Take on a Paul attitude.

Philippians 4:11, "Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content."

4. Remember that you have to wake up tomorrow with the decisions you made today.
 5. Remember that no matter how bad you mess up, forgiveness is just a call away.
 6. Even with forgiveness, there's still leftover worm bread.
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