

"FINDING REST IN THE WILDERNESS"

"But for many of them God was not pleased; for they were overthrown in the wilderness." (1 Corinthians 10:5)

Better translation: "Nevertheless, God was not well-pleased with most of them, for they were scattered along the ground in the wilderness [because of their lack of self-control led to disobedience which led to death]." (1 Cor. 10:5 AMP)

My precious child,

I know that, at times you feel as if you've just come out of one trial when you face another one. This is how the children of Israel felt when they journeyed out of the wilderness of Sinai and into the wilderness of Paran.

'So the Israelites set out from the wilderness of Sinai and traveled on from place to place until the CLOUD stopped in the wilderness of Paran.' (Numbers 10:12)

Notice that I led them by a CLOUD that hovered over them, filled with My glorious manifest Presence.

I can hear you saying that you don't understand why I would lead you right from one test into another. You may feel that loss of direction or not know what to do. Many times you inquire (ask) of others, asking them 'why', but I am the ONLY Source of answers for you.

Paul said this about the wilderness experience in 2 Corinthians 11:26:

"In journeying often, **in** perils (dangers) of waters, **in** perils of robbers, **in** perils by Mine own countrymen, **in** perils by the heathen (nations), **in** perils in the city, **in** perils in the wilderness, **in** perils among false brethren."

He (Paul) faced what seemed like continual defeat, yet I was at work, leading him through each trial. He was not defeated in

the wilderness, but, in fact, was made stronger and chose to run his race to the very end. He kept pursuing the goal to win the high calling of 'KNOWING ME INTIMATELY'.

An emotional high will not see you through such times of testing; only rock solid faith firmly anchored in Me will see you through. Let your heart and mind be firmly fixed on My Word, so that its roots go deep and your confidence doesn't fail in times of testing. Do not lose hope; put your faith in Me and I will also lead you through to VICTORY. I want you to know Me so well that you don't give it to 'unbelief' and 'confusion'.

"So I was angry with them", and I said, "Their hearts always turn away from Me. They refuse to do what I tell them." So in My anger I took an oath: "They will never enter My place of rest". Be careful then, dear brothers and sisters. Make sure that your own hearts are not evil and unbelieving, turning you away from the Living God." (Hebrews 3:10-12)

There will be times when you don't understand My ways and you will also be tempted to walk away in fear. Stand fast and place your trust in Me and discover My divine rest. Your enemy would love to discourage you and cause you to walk away from Me, so you miss your divine purpose. In the end, though, the wilderness is dangerous, it is the place where you learn to trust Me as never before, and where you begin to look just like Me.

No matter how dead or dry you feel, or how far I seem to be from you, My Presence is ALWAYS there. I will be your STRONG TOWER and My PRESENCE will go with you, If you feel it or not, as I lead you to your PROMISED LAND. And ONCE you can TRUST Me, and let NOTHING rock your boat, I will lead you from GLORY to GLORY.

