

Daily Devotion For June 14, 2021

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And he fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was hungry. Matthew 4:1-2

The past week, Sherry and I have been able to enjoy some family time with siblings and cousins in Palm Desert, CA. It was a wonderful time of being together as a family. A desert, especially in summer time is a very hot and dry place. In the Bible, the desert is also depicted as an unfriendly and lonely place. Matthew 4 tells us that Jesus was led by the Spirit of God into the desert to be tempted by the Devil for forty days. Also because of the disobedience of the children of Israel, they wandered in the desert for forty years.

There are times in our spiritual life that we too may wander in the desert. When Jesus was led by the Spirit of God into the desert and the children of Israel wandered in the desert, God's intention was to speak to them. When we go through our personal desert experiences God's intent is the same. To speak tenderly to us. When you are in the lonely and dry times of your spiritual life, remember the things that came from desert experiences in the Word of God. Moses met God in the burning bush in the desert (Exodus 3). Elijah received direction for his next step of ministry after he ran and hid in the wilderness (I Kings 19:15-18). Jesus came out of the desert after his temptation by Satan "in the power of the Spirit" (Luke 4:14).

Thought For Today: The desert experience can be a dry and barren place, but when God leads you into such a season, he has a purpose and will speak to you if you are willing to listen. Thank God for the desert experiences you go through. Take time to listen to God as he tenderly speaks to you.

Today's Prayer Focus: Ask God to speak to you and give you ears to hear what He is saying to you. Deo Volente.