

Daily Devotion For June 28, 2022

² Remember how the LORD your God led you all the way in the wilderness these forty years, to humble and test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands." Deuteronomy 8:2

For the first six months of the year, our Thursday night Bible study has been looking at the life of Moses and the Exodus. 2 million Jews were set out to wander in the wilderness for 40 years. A desert 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.