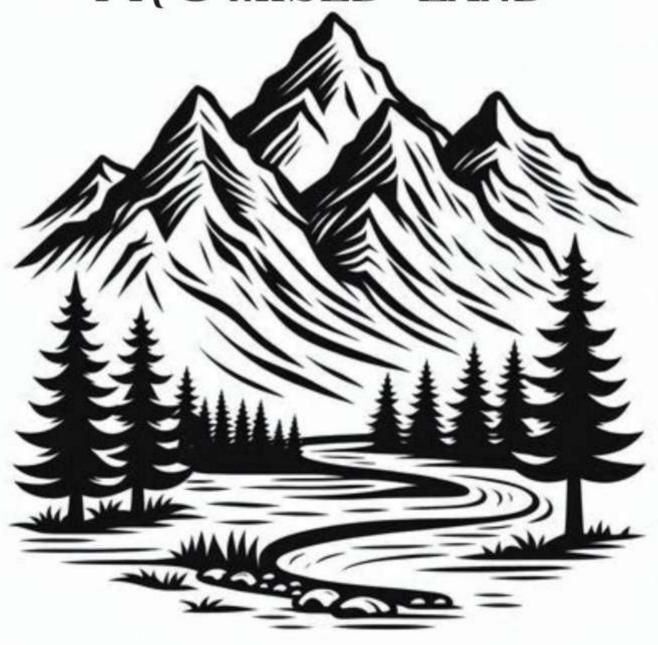
CHRISTIAN WILDERING INTO THE PROMISED LAND



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TOPIC: CHRISTIAN WILDERNESS WANDERING INTO THE PROMISED

LAND

TEXTS: JOSH: 5:3-7; HEB. 4:1

INTRODUCTION

The Israelites' journey from Egypt to Canaan serves as a powerful illustration of the Christian's journey to the Promised Land of heaven.

PRESENTATION OF THE LESSON

A. THE LONG JOURNEY OF ISRAELITES FROM EGYPT TO CANAAN

• The Israelites spent 40 years wandering in the wilderness, despite God's miraculous deliverance from slavery in Egypt (Numbers 14:32-38, Deuteronomy 8:1-4; Joshua.5:6).

B. THE SERIES OF DISOBEDIENCE OF ISRAELITES TO GOD AND THE PUNISHMENT

 The Israelites repeatedly disobeyed God, resulting in punishment and delay in entering the Promised Land (Numbers 14:20-23, Psalm 95:7-11).

Examples Of Disobedience Include:

- 1. Lack of faith: The Israelites doubted God's ability to give them the land (Numbers 13-14).
- 2. Idolatry: The Israelites engaged in idolatrous practices, provoking God's anger (Exodus 32, Numbers 25).
- 3. Grumbling and complaining: Constantly murmuring against God and Moses (Numbers 11, 16-17, 20)
- 4. Rebellion against leaders: Challenging Moses' and Aaron's authority (Numbers 12, 16-17)

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5. Disregard for God's provision: Failing to trust God's provision and complaining about food (Numbers 11, 20)

God's Punishment:

- 1. 40 years in the wilderness: The disobedient generation was forced to wander in the wilderness until they died out (Numbers 14:33-34, 32:13)
- 2. Exclusion from Canaan: The adults who refused to enter Canaan were excluded from the Promised Land (Numbers 14:20-23, 32:10-13)
- 3. Death in the wilderness: Many Israelites died in the wilderness due to their sins (Numbers 14:29-30, 16:41-50)
- 4. Plagues and afflictions: God sent plagues and afflictions upon the Israelites for their sins (Numbers 11:33; 16:41-50; 25:8-9)

C. GOD'S SERIES OF COMMANDMENTS THAT WERE ABUSED

 God gave the Israelites clear commandments, but they repeatedly disobeyed and abused them (Deuteronomy 4:1-25; Psalm 119:60).

CONCLUSION

I. Christian Wilderness Wandering In The World Of Sin

As Christians, we also wander in the wilderness of sin, facing temptations and challenges (1 Corinthians 10:1-13, Hebrews 3:7-19).

II. Many Christians that have missed the Mark. Sadly, many Christians have missed God's best, failing to enter the Promised Land of spiritual rest and victory (Hebrews 4:1-2,5-12).

Examples

Simon The Sorcerer Acts 8:21, Demas and Alexander 2 Tim. 4:1-4,10,14.

Our faith is being put to test. How many of us are going to remain faithful to the end? Rev.2:10.

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