

What to expect when we leave this wilderness

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The last thing Satan wants is for us to DWELL in the secret place and ABIDE under the shadow of the almighty.

Psalm 91:1 KJV - *[1] He that (dwelleth) in the secret place of the most High shall (abide) under the shadow of the Almighty.*

A. Dwelleth = Yashab =

- 1: to sit down
- 2: to be set
- 3: to remain, stay
- 4: to have one's abode
- 5: to be inhabited

B. Abide = Lwn

- 1: to stay permanently
- 2: to continue
- 3: to cause to rest
- 4: to lie all night

What to expect AFTER a protracted period of fasting, prayer and consecration:

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I: EXPECT appetites brought under subjection during the holy hibernation to attempt to make a roaring comeback, to reclaim control of you.

Romans 8:12-13 KJV - [12] *Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. [13] For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do {mortify} the deeds of the body, ye shall live.*

Mortify = Thanatoo

- 1: Render extinct
- 2: By death to be liberated from the bond of anything, literally to be made dead in relation to (something)

Matthew 4:3 - *And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.*

II: EXPECT the devil to show back up. He hasn't retired, he just went on a vacation.

(3) key characteristics of the adversary you should be aware of:

- 1: He is prepared
- 2: He is patient
- 3: He is persistent

III: EXPECT Temptation

1 Corinthians 10:13 KJV - [13] *There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.*

IV: EXPECT Satan to challenge you to play a chess match. The devil is a strategist.

Matthew 4:4-6 - *But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.5] Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple,6] And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.*

V: EXPECT Satan to tempt you to misuse supernatural resources where common sense can solve the problem.

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Acts 8:18-21 KJV - [18] *And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money, [19] Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost. [20] But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money. [21] Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God.*

Matthew 4:7 – 10 -*Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.[8] Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; 9] And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. 10] Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.*

VI: EXPECT for Satan to offer you something that looks like success on the surface, but is ultimately designed for your failure because it will require compromising your worship to obtain it.

- **PowerPoint:** Satan doesn't mind you worshipping Jesus, as long as he can get some glory too. But for a true worshipper, the worship of Jesus is never inclusive, it always EXCLUSIVE.

Matthew 4:11 - *Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.*

VII: EXPECT a brief period of peace, but don't expect it too last very long. Satan does not relent, he reloads.

Viii: EXPECT a major emotional distraction to originate either in your family or from someone close enough to you to affect your heart.

Matthew 14:1,10-13 KJV - [1] *At that time Herod the tetrarch heard of the fame of Jesus, [10] And he sent, and beheaded John in the prison. [11] And his head was*

brought in a charger, and given to the damsel: and she brought it to her mother. [12] And his disciples came, and took up the body, and buried it, and went and told Jesus. [13] When Jesus heard of it, he departed thence by ship into a desert place apart: and when the people had heard thereof, they followed him on foot out of the cities.

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Mark 6:1-6 KJV - *[1] And he went out from thence, and came into his own country; and his disciples follow him. 2] And when the sabbath day was come, he began to teach in the synagogue: and many hearing him were astonished, saying, From whence hath this man these things? and what wisdom is this which is given unto him, that even such mighty works are wrought by his hands? [3] Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended at him. 4] But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, but in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house.5] And he could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them .6] And he marvelled because of their unbelief. And he went round about the villages, teaching.*

Matthew 4:17 - *From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.*

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Matthew 4:23 – 24 -*And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.[24] And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.*

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Matthew 4:25 - *And there followed him great multitudes of people from Galilee, and from Decapolis, and from Jerusalem, and from Judaea, and from beyond Jordan.*

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Exodus 16:1-3 KJV - [1] *And they took their journey from Elim, and all the congregation of the children of Israel came unto the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after their departing out of the land of Egypt. 2] And the whole congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness: [3] And the children of Israel said unto them, Would to God we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the flesh pots, and when we did eat bread to the full; for ye have brought us forth into this wilderness, to kill this whole assembly with hunger.*

Exodus 32:1-8 KJV - [1] *And when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down out of the mount, the people gathered themselves together unto Aaron, and said unto him, Up, make us gods, which shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.*

- **PowerPoint:** God timing is not the problem. The problem is our lack of discipline and patience.

Ecclesiastes 7:8-10 KJV - [8] *Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof: and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit. 9] Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry: for anger resteth in the bosom of fools. 10] Say not thou, What is the cause that the former days were better than these? for thou dost not enquire wisely concerning this.*

Exodus 32:2 - *And Aaron said unto them, Break off the golden earrings, which are in the ears of your wives, of your sons, and of your daughters, and bring them unto me. 3] And all the people brake off the golden earrings which were in their ears, and brought them unto Aaron.[4] And he received them at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, after he had made it a molten calf: and they said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.*

John 8:36 KJV - [36] *If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.*

Exodus 32:5 - *And when Aaron saw it, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation, and said, To morrow is a feast to the Lord.*

- **PowerPoint:** The quantity of your finances is not the primary indicator of the quality of your faith!!!

Proverbs 11:28 KJV - *[28] He that trusteth in his riches shall fall: but the righteous shall flourish as a branch.*

Exodus 32:6 - *And they rose up early on the morrow, and offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play.*

Hebrews 11:6 KJV - *[6] But without faith it is impossible to please him : for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.*

Exodus 32: 7 - *And the Lord said unto Moses, Go, get thee down; for thy people, which thou broughtest out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves :[8] They have turned aside (quickly)out of the way which I commanded them: they have made them a molten calf, and have worshipped it, and have sacrificed thereunto, and said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which have brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.*

- **PowerPoint:** It can take us YEARS to get on track, but only moments to get right back OFF TRACK.

Acts 15:18 KJV - *[18] Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.*

Psalms 34:6,17 KJV - *[6] This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles. [17] The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.*

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XIII. Expect young people to get saved en masse

Joel 2:28-29,32 KJV - [28] *And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: [29] And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit. [32] And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the Lord hath said, and in the remnant whom the Lord shall call.*