

Conclusion and Applications

Cast your cares upon Him for He cares for you, 1 Peter 5:7

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n summary of the lessons Israel was to have learned thus far in the wilderness, all that *Yahweh* desired of them was “death to self” and that they keep their “eye” on their Heavenly Shepherd.

“I have come to see clearly,” wrote Brother Andrew in *The Narrow Road: Stories of Those Who Walk This Road Together*, “that life is more than SELF. It is more than doing what I want, striving for what will benefit me, and dreaming of all I can be. Life is all about my relationship with *YAH*. There is no higher calling, no loftier dream, and no greater goal than to live, breathe, and be poured out for *Yahshua* Messiah.”

Those who answer the call to “come out and be separate” from the world will join the body of Messiah on the move; a growing, humble, and loving body of trusting and praising people who bless rather than grumble, who encourage rather than criticise, and who receive graciously and give generously.

*But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light,
1 Peter 2:9*

In every generation there has been a “called out” body of believers who were on the move, follow the “light” of Heaven’s Fire. While others relax in their comfortable, but false, security of “church doctrines,” the true Spiritual Israelite is focused on a higher calling.

Israel in the wilderness had the Law, the Statutes, the Ordinances and the Judgments. In the Bible record of how Israel disregarded these commands, we may see how *Yahweh* dealt with rebellion against His instructions. The deadly disease of sin and its results are demonstrated by their disobedient choices, doubts, complaints, criticisms, arrogance, and lusts.

Sin is first an attitude. It comes out in who and what we love. If we benefit from the Children of Israel's failures in the wilderness, let it first be in the dimension of LOVE. All the Law and the Prophets hang on it: Love *Yahweh* supremely; Love others as yourself.

Take your eyes off of fashions and foods. Spend less time on pleasures and passtimes. Let your focus be keeping up with the Light. The wilderness is where *YAH* leads you so that you can hear His Call above all other voices.

Remember in Book 1 of this series, we explained that the word "wilderness," in Hebrew, actually means "I speak" or "I lead." It took 28 camp lessons in the wilderness to get the attention of many in that multitude. Similarly, He must lead us, likewise, into humiliation and deprivation fitting us to receive the adoption of sons.

As long as we allow worldly things and relationships to take our time and energies, we are still wandering in the desert. Only when we realize the Price paid for our companionship, and only when we respond to that insight in total love, respect, and devotion, will we actually begin moving toward our Promised Inheritance. Seriously!

Take the marriage relationship between a husband and a wife. They love each other, often take each other for granted, and move on in independently toward the goal of "success."

In his book, *Irrestistible: Revitalize and Empower Your Marriage*, Jim Hohnberger explains how the principles of the Two Great Commandments bring enduring light and irrestible love into a marriage, in the same way these principles will guide you out of the wilderness of empty rituals and meaningless religiosity.

In a sense, we live the wilderness experiences in our families on a day to day basis. Many times we are tempted to respond to *Yahweh's* testing as a rebellious child. Our Heavenly Father, in love, sends us disaster, chastisement, and further instructions, as well as comfort and peace. How we face disappointment, criticism, and financial setbacks, tells a lot about our "walk in the wilderness."

When we choose to learn the lessons from this wilderness journey and to practice them in our homes first, all other challenges will be covered by our Heavenly Guide, the Holy Spirit, leading us out of our desire to return to the darkness of spiritual Egypt (slavery to the Old Man of Sin).

Practice the wilderness lessons in your home.

It is a great paradox in the truly Christian life that humility should be the pavement on the path to Paradise. Humility is, perhaps, the most needed virtue among Christians today; yet, like Israel in the desert, most will not surrender to the Voice, the Fire, and the Cloud. Their own reasoning over-powers the still, small Voice.

In the first volume of this series, we saw that *Yahweh* calls His children out of spiritual Egypt, or their bondage to sin. In this second volume, we see the importance of learning humility, to receive the choosing of sonship through the furnace of affliction.

Worldly philosophy shouts that, to live a life of success and value, we must have our physical requirements secure, our emotional needs met, and our societal contributions appreciated. But, when all these goals are achieved, self is fully enthroned. Thus, in the middle fourteen camp experiences, *Yahweh* must lovingly challenge and testingly withdraw (for a time) each of these "basic needs." Only as we face these tests in full trust and submission to *Yahweh* are we able to receive Heavenly Sonship. Only then is self consumed by all-encompassing love for our Heavenly Father.

Summary of Camp-Lessons 1 - 28

Camp 1	<i>Succoth</i>	This world is not "home;" be ready to mobilize.
Camp 2	<i>Etham</i>	Gather together as you flee from darkness (Egypt).
Camp 3	<i>Pi Hahiroth</i>	Be still and know that <i>YAH</i> will make a way of escape for you.
Camp 4	<i>Marah</i>	Don't grow bitter over hardships on your way.
Camp 5	<i>Elim</i>	Instead, be a "palm tree" leading others to the Water of Life.
Camp 6	<i>Yam Suph</i>	<i>YAH</i> may lead you in a different direction than you expect; trust Him.
Camp 7	<i>Wilderness of Sin</i>	My <i>YAH</i> shall supply all your needs; ask Him.
Camp 8	<i>Dophkah</i>	Your calling includes rescuing others from bondage.
Camp 9	<i>Alush</i>	Tolerate no bickering or chiding; it leaves one open for attack by "giants."
Camp 10	<i>Rephidim</i>	Intercede for others in weakness; <i>YAH</i> will fight for them.
Camp 11	<i>Sinai</i>	Come up higher; He will instruct you in His ways.
Camp 12	<i>Kibroth Hattaavah</i>	You will have to deny the flesh in order to enjoy <i>YAH</i> 's spiritual food.
Camp 13	<i>Chazeroth</i>	If jealousy doesn't feel wrong, leprosy has already set in.
Camp 14	<i>Rithmath</i>	Faithless followers will experience <i>Yahweh</i> 's wrath.
Camp 15	<i>Rimmon Perez</i>	Faith will not mingle with an independent spirit.
Camp 16	<i>Libnah</i>	Efforts to "white wash" one's motives and emotions will result in sorrow.
Camp 17	<i>Rissah</i>	Self-justification is like a "stopped up well."

Camp 18	<i>Kehelathah</i>	Until self is dead, rebellion will be one's ready companion.
Camp 19	<i>Mt. Shapher</i>	The trumpet call will bring division and a new unity.
Camp 20	<i>Haradah</i>	Terror humbles the proud and rebellious.
Camp 21	<i>Makheloth</i>	Learn to trust now, and thereby give humble obedience with praise.
Camp 22	<i>Tahath</i>	When feeling "low," pray for an examination of your spiritual health.
Camp 23	<i>Tereh</i>	Islamic pressure will distress those who adhere to <i>Yahweh</i> alone.
Camp 24	<i>Mithcah</i>	Standing for Truth will bring "sweetness" to the soul.
Camp 25	<i>Chashmonah</i>	Don't be hasty; wait for instruction, then encourage others to follow.
Camp 26	<i>Moseroth</i>	Are you learning to accept chastisement without murmuring?
Camp 27	<i>Bene Jaakan</i>	Will you choose the narrow path to the wells of wise sons?
Camp 28	<i>Char</i> <i>Haggidgad</i>	Humbly and submittedly accepting chastisement from <i>Yahweh</i> prepares one, through suffering, to be named a "son (child) of <i>YAH</i> ."

The Apostle James offered an accurate summary of these lessons when he wrote:

Submit yourselves therefore to YAH. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to YAH, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded. Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. Humble yourselves in the sight of Yahweh, and he shall lift you up, James 4:7-10.

