

Lessons from the Wilderness

A. Introduction:

1 Corinthians 10:1-5, New Living Translation:

¹“I don’t want you to forget, dear brothers and sisters, what happened to our ancestors in the wilderness long ago. God guided all of them by sending a cloud that moved along ahead of them, and he brought them all safely through the waters of the sea on dry ground. ²As followers of Moses, they were all baptized in the cloud and the sea. ³And all of them ate the same miraculous food, ⁴and all of them drank the same miraculous water. For they all drank from the miraculous rock that traveled with them, and that rock was Christ. ⁵Yet after all this, God was not pleased with most of them, and he destroyed them in the wilderness. ⁶These events happened as a warning to us, so that we would not crave evil things as they did ⁷or worship idols as some of them did. For the Scriptures say, “The people celebrated with feasting and drinking, and they indulged themselves in pagan revelry.” ⁸And we must not engage in sexual immorality as some of them did, causing 23,000 of them to die in one day. ⁹Nor should we put Christ to the test, as some of them did and then died from snakebites. ¹⁰And don’t grumble as some of them did, for that is why God sent his angel of death to destroy them. ¹¹All these events happened to them as examples for us. They were written down to warn us, who live at the time when this age is drawing to a close.”

B. Warnings from Israel’s History

Vs. 6. Don’t set your hearts on evil things. James 4:4

Vs. 7. Do not be idolaters. Romans 1:21-25

Vs. 8. Do not commit sexual immorality. 1 Cor.6, Matthew 5:27-30

Vs. 9. Don’t Test Christ Numbers 21:4-9. Matthew 4:5-7 (quoting Deut 6:16, which refers to Massah, Ex. 17:1-7).

Vs. 10. Don’t grumble (King James: don’t murmur). Numbers 16:41-49.

C. Exploring Whining

Titus 2: 9-10.

D. What is God really after?

Isaiah 64:8, Isaiah 29:16, Romans 9:20-21, Hebrews 12:7-11

E. Conclusion

Matthew 7:9-11