



Out of the Desert?

Isaiah 5:8-6:13

Listen! “Dave, you want relief a lot more than you want God.” Adam Mason.

Reality: Life in this world includes a lot of wilderness experiences and we have mostly been trained to get out quickly. “Relief” may be our national addiction.

Question #1: When you are in the desert what do you want? Relief? God?

Question #2: Is it possible that the wilderness with God is better than relief?

Deserts are prime opportunities for spiritual growth and being near God - here is the path:

#1 The Wilderness (5:8-13):

#2 God’s Self Revelation (6:1-4):

#3 Brokenness and Repentance (6:5):

#4 Death and Purification (6:6):

#5 Passion Ignited (6:8):

#6 Vision Discovered (6:13):

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For Instance:

Application: “But as for me, the nearness of God is my good; I have made the Lord God my Refuge, that I may tell of all His works.” Psalm 73:28

Walking Papers

Practical helps for walking the Christian walk this week.

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Please take some time this week to work on the life change applications from today's passage:

- **Today:** How would you define your current wilderness?
- **Monday:** What would it look like, feel like, or be like for God to show up in your life right now?
- **Tuesday:** What will you do to draw near to God? "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you." James 4:8. In other words, we control the distance between ourself and God—if we are distant from Him it is our own fault.
- **Wednesday:** Ask God to clarify to you any sin that you need to repent of and confess to Him.
- **Thursday:** Ask God what He is revealing about Himself to you right now.
- **Friday:** What are you passionate about in life? Do these things align with the character of God and the purposes of God?
- **Saturday:** Ask God to show you the "picture of the ideal future" for your life and ministry. Write down what you think it might be. What will you do about this?

"The presence of God in the midst of pain is immeasurably better than the absence of God in the midst of relief."

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