

Unleashing the Power of the Holy Spirit

The Desert Places



I. Moses and Hebrew People

Exodus 13:21-22 (NIV®)

²¹ By day **the LORD went ahead of them** in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel by day or night. ²² Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people.

Exodus 15:22-24 (NIV®)

²² Then Moses led Israel from the Red Sea and they went into the Desert of Shur. For three days they traveled in the desert without finding water. ²³ When they came to Marah, they could not drink its water because it was bitter. (That is why the place is called Marah.) ²⁴ So the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "What are we to drink?"

Nehemiah 9:19-21 (NIV®)

¹⁹ "Because of your great compassion you did not abandon them in the desert. By day the pillar of cloud did not cease to guide them on their path, nor the pillar of fire by night to shine on the way they were to take. ²⁰ You gave your good Spirit to instruct them. You did not withhold your manna from their mouths, and you gave them water for their thirst. ²¹ **For forty years you sustained them in the desert; they lacked nothing, their clothes did not wear out nor did their feet become swollen.**

II. Jesus

Luke 4:1-15 (NASB®)

¹ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and **was led around by the Spirit in the wilderness** ² for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And He ate nothing during those days, and when they had ended, He became hungry.

³ And the devil said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread." ⁴ And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE.'" . . . ¹³ When the devil had finished every temptation, he left Him until an opportune time. ¹⁴ And Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about Him spread through all the surrounding district. ¹⁵ And He *began* teaching in their synagogues and was praised by all.

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, I rejoice in your faithfulness. You have chosen a path for me that leads to righteousness and complete fulfillment. I trust your provision for my life. You are my security. You watch over my days. My life is a testimony to the power of my God, a declaration of your great love. Holy Spirit direct my path to a place of triumph, deliver me from every snare. I will rest in the shadow of your protection. Let the name of Jesus be lifted high, amen.

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