

Table Setting

Part Three - A Table in the Wilderness

Psalm 78:19

They spoke against God. They said, "Can God prepare a table in the wilderness?"

God provides a table setting in our loneliest, desolate, most difficult moments.

Psalm 78:21, 23-2

When the Lord heard them, he was furious... 23 Yet he gave a command to the skies above and opened the doors of the heavens; 24 he rained down manna for the people to eat, he gave them the grain of heaven. 25 Human beings ate the bread of angels; he sent them all the food they could eat.

Note - Pull UP to the table, not AWAY from it.

Psalm 30:5

Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning.

How The Desert Becomes a Dining Room:

1. Self-seating

Isaiah 65:11-12

But as for you who have given up the Lord, who have no care for my holy mountain, who get ready a table for Chance, and make offerings of mixed wine to Fate; 12 Your fate will be the sword, and you will all go down to death: because when my voice came to you, you made no answer; you did not give ear to my word; but you did what was evil in my eyes, desiring what was not pleasing to me.

2. Sinister Seating

Psalm 69:22

Let the bountiful table set before them become a snare and their prosperity become a trap.

Psalm 23:5

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

3. The Spirit's Seating

Matthew 4:1

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

Isaiah 30:20

The Lord has given you trouble and sorrow as your food and drink. But now you will again see the Lord, your teacher, and he will guide you.

2 Samuel 9:11

So, Mephibosheth ate at David's table as one of the king's sons.

What We Learn at the Table in the Wilderness:

Matthew 4:2-11

1. Get your answers from God.

Matthew 4:4

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

2. Refuse to take matters into your own hands.

Matthew 4:7

Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

3. Reserve your praise for God alone.

Matthew 4:10

Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'"

If we look to God for answers, refuse to take matters into our own hands, and reserve our praise for God alone, He will provide a table in the wilderness.

Luke 12:37

Blessed are those slaves whom their master finds alert when he returns! I tell you the truth, he will dress himself to serve, have them take their place at the table, and will come and wait on them!