

SERMON NOTES

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MESSAGE: CAN GOD FURNISH A TABLE IN THE WILDERNESS?

Psalm 78:19 – “Yea, they spake against God; they said, Can God furnish a table in the wilderness?”

I. Understanding the Wilderness

A. What is the Wilderness?

- A place of testing, dependence, and encounter, often marked by lack, isolation, and spiritual preparation.
- Acts 7:40; 1 Kings 19:4; Luke 4:1; Matthew 3:3

B. Significance of the Wilderness

- **Testing & Humbling** – Deuteronomy 8:2
- **Refuge & Provision** – Genesis 16:7; 1 Kings 17:4
- **Transformation & Calling** – Moses – Exodus 3:1–3
- **Prophetic Preparation** – Isaiah 35:1; Revelation 12:6

C. Wilderness after the Mountaintop

- After victory often comes testing.
- God trains His servants in hidden places.
- **Israel after praise** – Exodus 15:1 → 15:22–25
- **Elijah after Mount Carmel** – 1 Kings 19:4
- **Jesus after baptism** – Luke 4:1

II. Psalm 78 – God’s Faithfulness vs. Human Unbelief

A. God’s Graciousness – Psalm 78:5–7, 12–17

B. Israel Spoke Against God – Psalm 78:19

Questioned God’s ability, not His existence.

C. God Keeps His Word – Psalm 78:20, 23–25

He gave water, manna, and bread from heaven.

D. Yet They Continued to Sin – Psalm 78:17–19, 56–58

III. Can God Provide in Impossible Places?

A. Biblical Witness: God Can!

- Daniel 3:16–18 – Fire
- Daniel 6:20–22 – Lions
- Romans 8:37 – More than conquerors
- Philippians 4:13 – Strength through Christ

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IV. A Table in the Wilderness

- Psalm 78:19
- Exodus 24:1, 7
- God does not only sustain—He invites and communes.
- God can prepare provision, presence, and promise even in barren places.

V. Final Answer: YES, GOD CAN!

- John 3:16 – Provision of salvation
- Luke 19:10 – Redemption
- 1 Corinthians 11:26 – Ongoing covenant and remembrance
- The wilderness reveals who we trust.
- God's ability is not limited by our environment—but unbelief can limit our experience.
- Yes, God can furnish a table in the wilderness.