

Welcome To Open Bible Hour

Thank you for joining us on this Lord's Day!

Our desire is that you may grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ as we pursue an in-depth study of the book of Hebrews.

If you have a prayer request, for which you would like us to pray, please fill out a prayer sheet at the back table and give to Lyle.

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“A SEVERE WARNING FROM THE WILDERNESS”

Heb. 3:12-19

Jan. 6, 2013

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Rom 16:18

18 For such men are slaves, not of our Lord Christ but of their own appetites; and by their smooth and flattering speech they **deceive** the hearts of the unsuspecting.

Eph 5:6

6 Let no one **deceive** you with empty words,

2 Thess 2:3

3 Let no one in any way **deceive** you,

1 John 2:26

26 These things I have written to you concerning those who are trying to **deceive** you.

Rev 20:3

3 and he threw him into the abyss, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he would not **deceive** the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed;

Rev 20:7-8

7 When the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison,

8 and will come out to **deceive** the nations which are in the four corners of the earth,

1 Tim 2:11-14

11 A woman must quietly receive instruction with entire submissiveness.

12 But I do not allow a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man, but to remain quiet.

13 For it was Adam who was first created, and then Eve.

14 And it was not Adam who was **deceived**, but the woman being **deceived**, fell into transgression.

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Heb 3:6

6 but Christ was faithful as a Son over His house —
whose house we are, if we hold fast our confidence
and the boast of our hope firm until the end.

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The Wilderness Journey







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Jews in the Wilderness

God delivered them from Pharaoh.

God parted the Red Sea.

God gave them water from a rock.

God gave them manna from the sky.

God led them with pillars of cloud and fire.

God delivered them from their enemies.

God gave them good laws to live by.

God was lenient when they were rebellious.

Jews in Hebrews

Witnessed God doing signs and wonders.

They had tasted of the power of the age to come.

They were exposed to the gospel.

They experienced the warmth and acceptance of a church body.

They were exposed to the teaching and preaching of the Word.

1 Cor 10:1-13

- 1 For I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that our fathers were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea;
- 2 and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea;
- 3 and all ate the same spiritual food;
- 4 and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they were drinking from a spiritual rock which followed them; and the rock was Christ.
- 5 Nevertheless, with most of them God was not well-pleased; for they were laid low in the wilderness.
- 6 Now these things happened as examples for us, so that we would not crave evil things as they also craved.
- 7 Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written, "THE PEOPLE SAT DOWN TO EAT AND DRINK, AND STOOD UP TO PLAY."
- 8 Nor let us act immorally, as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in one day.
- 9 Nor let us try the Lord, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the serpents.
- 10 Nor grumble, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer.
- 11 Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.
- 12 Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed that he does not fall.

1 John 2:19

19 They went out from us, but they were not really of us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us; but they went out, so that it would be shown that they all are not of us.

Prov 29:1

1 A man who hardens his neck after much reproof
Will suddenly be broken beyond remedy.

Jude 5

5 Now I desire to remind you, though you know all things once for all, that the Lord, after saving a people out of the land of Egypt, subsequently destroyed those who did not believe.

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Application

1. To be almost saved is to be totally lost.

Acts 26:27-28

27 King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know that you do believe."

28 Then Agrippa said to Paul, "You almost persuade me to become a Christian."

2. Is there a Kadesh Barnia in your life? Have you wandered, stood still, gone backwards and not advanced in your Christian life because of an event or issue where the event was bigger than God? You failed to trust Him and instead retreated and became perhaps bitter, complaining about life and your circumstances or worse yet you became rebellious. The event may have been a financial crises, the death of someone close, a relationship gone bad, a bad church experience, an incident with a parent or child, a missed job opportunity, a disappointment, a trial, etc. – something that you came to and refused to believe God to get over it.



Kadesh Barnea



3. The remedy is to confess your lack of faith/belief in God's promises and get back on the road to advancement and maturity.
4. There are also unbelievers who have reached a Kadesh Barnea who have failed to put their trust in God for salvation but for some reason prefer the wilderness.
5. Their solution is to abandon the world, to abandon religion, to abandon your own works and self-righteousness and cast themselves on Christ who will graciously save you.