



FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

# Dwelling in the Desolate Place

THE HEAVENS DECLARE THE GLORY OF GOD,  
AND THE SKY ABOVE PROCLAIMS HIS HANDIWORK.

PSALM 19:1

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# *What is the Desolate place?*

- ἔρημος (eremos)- desert, wilderness, lonely place, isolated
- Underdeveloped places, forests, mountains, etc.

# *Why the Desolate place?*

- To pray (Mark 1:35, Matthew 14:23)
- To get away from the crowds and rest (Mark 6:30-32)
- To be nurtured/strengthened by God (Luke 1:80)
- To encounter God (Exodus 3:1-6)
- To worship (Psalm 57, 63)
- To be tested (strengthened) by God (Ex. 20:20, Matt. 4:1-11)



# *Why run to desolation?*

- Because He did. (Luke 4:42, Mark 1:35, Matt. 14:13)
- Because His followers did. (Matt 14:13–20; 15:32–37)
- To free ourselves from a loud world.
- To pray aloud.
- To cry out to Him.
- To follow His example.
- To serve from the overflow.

# *God dwells in Desolate places*

Moses – Exodus 3:1–6;19–20

Jacob – Genesis 28:10–17;32:22–32

Elijah – 1 Kings 19:4–18

Hagar – Genesis 16:7–14; 21:14–19

Joshua – Joshua 5:13–15

Gideon – Judges 6:11–24

David – Psalms 57;63;142

Balaam – Numbers 22:22–35

Jesus – Luke 5:16;6:12, Matt. 17:1–8

Paul – Galatians 1:15–18

Philip – Acts 8:26–39

Peter – Acts 10:9–16

Paul & Silas – Acts 16:22–34

John – Revelation 1:9–18

# *Questions?*

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