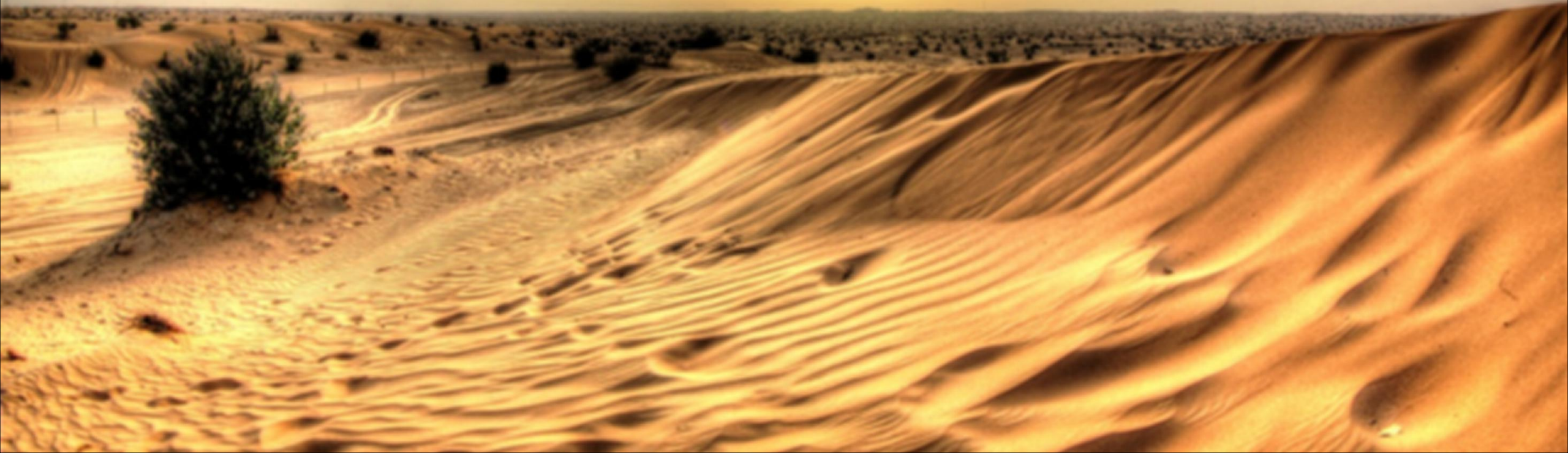


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# In the Desert

**Psalm 136:11-20**



## Route Preference

- Faster Time
- Shorter Distance
- Less Fuel
- Off Road

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# The Desert

## Route Preference

- **We Like Shortcuts**
- **Quickest Route**
- **Least Amount of Resistance**
- **Easy Way**

**Yet...There Are Times**

**...God Chooses to Lead Us Through the Desert**

**...It is There He Can Get Our Total Attention**

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**It is Here That....**



# Displays His Power

**Psalm 136:11-16**

**They Learned that God Alone...**

**...Could and Would Bring Them Through**

- God Never Leaves us in the Desert**
- He always Brings us through**

**Lesson**

**In the Desert We Learn to Rely On...**

**...His Power and Provision**



# Destroys Our Enemies

**Psa 136:17-20**, *“who struck down kings...and killed mighty kings”*

**There Was Armies that Sought to Annihilate the Hebrews**

**God's Victory Was Won in the Desert**

**Lesson**

**God Takes Us Into the Desert to Conquer Enemies of Our Soul**





# Receive His Word...

**...in Undisturbed Solitude**

**Elijah heard Still Small Voice in the Desert that God Led Him Into**

**Jesus was Led Into the Desert for 40 Days of Prayer and Preparation  
Before He Launched Into the Ministry**

- **He Often Withdrew to Commune with the Father**
- **Moses Received the Ten Commandments**

## **Lesson**

**God Will Drive Us Into a Desert Not to Cut Us Off...**

**...But to Bring Us Closer**



God provides for His people

# Test Us

## God Examines Our Hearts/ Prepares Us to Face Life's Challenges

*“remember how the Lord your God led you all the way in the desert to test you in order to know what was in your heart...humbled you causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna ...to teach that man does not live on bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord” Deut 8:2-3*

### Lesson

**The Desert is Valuable for  
Solitude, Reflection, and Drawing Closer to God**

**He Tests Us...**

**...In Order**

**...We Learn to Trust Him**

God provides for His people



# Hope in Your Desert

**Before the Promised Land...**

**...the Must Come the Desert**

**Take Hope**

**If You Are in a Desert Today...**

**...Your Promised Land is Coming!**

**Weeping endures for a night...**

**...But Joy Comes in the Morning!**

**Psa**

**30:5**