

Piddling in the Wilderness

Hebrews 3:12-19



Piddling

- Piddling = dealing in trifles, killing time, doing things which are not pertinent to the goal
- They were headed for a promised land
- Now they are just spinning their wheels
- They piddled for 40 years – moving but going nowhere – making no progress

Hebrews 3:12-15

- 12 Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; 13 but exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. 14 For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end, 15 while it is said: "Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion."

Hebrews 3:16-19

- 16 For who, having heard, rebelled? Indeed, was it not all who came out of Egypt, led by Moses? 17 Now with whom was He angry forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose corpses fell in the wilderness? 18 And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey? 19 So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.

God's Plan

- Promised Israel a land of milk and honey
- They could have made in a few weeks
- Stopped at Mt. Sinai to receive the law
- Ultimate plan – 2 years

God's Care

- Plagues / Red Sea – leaving Egypt
- Pillar of fire and cloud to guide them
- Manna / water from rock
- Sweet water at Rephidim

Came Close to Entering

- Kadesh-Barnea – on the border
- Spies sent – report of unbelief
- Spent 40 years -
 - Piddling, wandering, wasting time
 - Dying

Did not Enter

- Unbelief – doubt – lack of trust in God
- Fear of the giants
- Opposed by the Moabites
- God forbid them entering

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- Let your light shine – glorify God

RESULTS

- All over 20 leaving Egypt – DIED
- Joshua and Caleb – only 2 make it
- 603,000 died in the wilderness – piddling
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