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“Warfare in the Wilderness “

Exodus 17:8-16

Memory Verse: James 4:7

Big Idea: The Christian life is war, and we must fight our spiritual enemies, but it is Christ who wins the ultimate victory for us.

I. Life in the Wilderness Exposes the Enemy Within

A. The struggle was the war within, the battle that is waged in every human heart.

B. Doctrine of progressive sanctification: It is the “gracious operation of the Holy Spirit, involving our responsible participation, by which he delivers us from the pollution of sin, renews our entire nature according to the image of God, and enables us to live lives that are pleasing to him” (Anthony Hoekema).

C. Romans 8:13

D. Colossians 3:5, 8

E. 2 Corinthians 7:1

F. Romans 7:15

II. Life in the Wilderness Exposes the Enemy Without (17:8–6)

A. Deuteronomy 25:17-18

B. Ephesians 2:2

C. 2 Corinthians 4:4

D. Revelation 12:9-10

E. John 10:10

F. 2 Timothy 2:26

G. Matthew 16:23

H. 1 Peter 5:8

I. Exodus 14:13-14

J. Three Phases of Salvation

1. Initial Phase—We have been saved from the penalty of sin.

2. Present Phase—We are being saved from the power of sin.

3. Future Phase—We will be saved from the presence of sin.

K. Philippians 2:12-13

L. James 4:7

M. Ephesians 6:10-20

N. 2 Chronicles 14:9-15

Conclusion

A. Exodus 17:14-16

B. Isaiah 11:10

C. John 3:14-15

D. Mark 1:15

E. The Gospel Definition