

"Prophets Are Born In The Wilderness, Not On Platforms"

Matthew 4:1-11

~A.L. Moss, Sr., M.Th.

Introduction: Prophets, you're not overlooked. You're in the wilderness, and that's exactly where prophets are born. The wilderness isn't punishment, it's preparation. It's where God kills the need for applause, sharpens your voice, and teaches you to speak only what He says. No Stage; No Spotlight. Just fire, obedience and tears. Don't rush the process. The cave is sacred. When God brings you out, it'll be with oil and authority.

"What The Wilderness Really Is"

Before prophets are released publicly, they are refined privately. The wilderness is God's training ground, again not a punishment. It's where He strips, shapes, and speaks. Moses had the desert. Elijah had the cave. John the Baptist lived in the wilderness. Even Jesus went there before He began His ministry, **Luke 4**. If you're in the wilderness, you're not lost, you're being prepared, **Hosea 2:14**.

"Signs You're In A Wilderness Season"

Your voice feels silenced, but your discernment is growing. You're saying less, but seeing more. God is sharpening your hearing. You feel isolated, but it's holy. People may have walked away but heaven hasn't. This is sacred separation. Nothing seems to be moving, but your roots are going deep. God is anchoring you beneath the surface for the weight of what's coming. **"Be still, and know that I am God," Psalms 46:10.**

"What The Wilderness Produces In Prophets"

Authority without ambition. In the wilderness, performance dies. When you're released, you carry God's Word, not your brand. Purity in the message. Your voice won't echo culture, it'll reflect heaven. The wilderness purifies the sound. Dependency on God, not platforms. The wilderness teaches you God is the source, not applause, followers, or stages, **"He must increase, but I must decrease," John 3:30.**

"You're Not Forgotten, You're Being Forged"

God doesn't send prophets straight to the palace. He hides them in caves. The longer the wilderness, the heavier the mantle. You're not delayed. You're not disqualified. You're being deeply trusted. Stay faithful. Keep listening. When He brings you out, it will be with fire on your lips, ***Luke 1:80.***

Finally, thank the Lord for your wilderness journey and know that even when you feel hidden, you're also being held. Always ask God to refine your heart and purify your motives. Love the Lord's presence more than promotion and pleasure. Surrender every platform and be trustworthy with His Word and seek only His approval. Remember God is PREPARING you!