

Hebrews 11:38.

## Are You Addicted To The Mountain?

Great men of faith and God experienced both the dry seasons as well as the great times of personal revelation and faith renewal. The mountaintop in scripture is always considered a rich time of encouragement, grace and fellowship in the Lord.

Many of us have been taught that we wander aimlessly only in our desert experiences. A desert experience is one where we find ourselves kind of stuck in limbo, without clear direction and instruction from God. An example of a mountaintop experience would be: Matthew 17:1-8. A wilderness experience can classically be found in Deut. 8. The wilderness is usually testing ground. The mountaintop is usually fertile ground.

Tonight's question. Can a believer also be found wandering on the mountaintops in the Lord? Can a mountaintop experience be a place where we can be frustrated and disappointed? Or is that limited only to the wilderness?

Answer: The answer is yes. You and I, especially as we mature in Yeshua, can easily become addicted to the mountain experience instead of the glory of the mountain. If Yeshua is not with you on the mountain, your just in another valley. According to Hebrews 11:38 it is possible to wander in the mountaintop experiences.

We can become so consumed with experiential faith, that when we don't get it we feel like we're in a valley, even though we're really on the mountain. A believer may be on a mountain, but if he runs only from one experience to the next, he'll miss it.

An example of being on the mountain without the thrill & chill.

Being content, peaceful, laid back, joyful & full of faith (few hardships; diseases or no lack of plenty). Contentment is your greatest mountain.

If we merely ~~are~~ are thrill seekers, we eventually will become so addicted to the latest thrill that we may embrace false

teaching. (Eph. 4:14), (2) Miss the greatest mountaintop experience, Godly contentment (1 Tim 6:6), (3) Lose sight of God ~~by embracing poor substitutes.~~ (Gifts of the Spirit instead of Yeshua himself) 2 Corin. 9:15. We are to live & abide in the thrill of loving the Lord. When we get side tracked we miss the mark.

This was the problem at Corinth. The gifts of God the mountaintop experience, became so important that the Lord withdrew himself, until they realized their error, in seeking experience (even noble experience) as a substitute for the Lord himself. The Lord & his word are the final court of arbitration.

If we stay close to the Lord, even in the wilderness, we can have great peace & power.

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Learn to be like Abraham. (Gen 15:11. & like Paul). They learned to be in a continual mountaintop experience by always embracing Yeshua <sup>by contentment.</sup> Otherwise, if we become addicted to the experience & not the person, we like all men of faith, can find ourselves wandering on the mountains. (Hab 11:38).