

My Experience in the Valley of Testing

I've been going through a 'valley' of testing for the past month. It's the most extensive testing I've ever been through in my spiritual walk. I've had lots of individual tests, but this is a specific set of tests over an extended period of time, which was unrelenting and was designed for a purpose.

What is the 'valley of testing'?

Similar to wilderness testing, of the type that Jesus went through before he was released into his Kingdom assignment, this type is also preparation for release. The term 'valley of testing' doesn't come from biblical terminology, such as "the valley of the shadow of death". The expression comes from the prophetic visions that were given to Rick Joyner earlier this century, which he recorded in his book, 'The Valley'.

In summary, Rick was shown by our King the need to come out of religion and to go on a journey of maturity, so we become part of the New Jerusalem.¹ Those who successfully complete the journey into maturity are then commissioned to go back and rescue others from religion and escort them on their same journey. Along the path to the Mountain of God where the New Jerusalem is located, the travellers go through 'the valley of testing'. In that place, the enemy tries to destroy each one of them through attacking their weaknesses.

Here's some points from Rick's book to show you what he was told by Elijah and others about the purpose of 'The Valley':

"Going through any trial will not make you perfect, but in each one you will be less and He will be more. You had the making of a warrior when you entered this valley the first time, as all do who make it this far. You don't make it through without becoming a warrior, so you are already a warrior. You have learned to thrive in the fight, but you were chosen to lead a group through this for yet another reason..."

"The Lord does not lead you into any battle without a higher purpose than just defeating the enemy, or just training His people. The Lord will make this into the Valley of the Shadow of Life. You and every group that comes here are part of His plan. All who go through this valley and fight in it are here to win victories and bear fruit that remains. If you just do enough to make it through, but do not make it easier for those who come after you, then your victories will be shallow and temporary. You win this battle by not just defeating the evil strongholds, but by leaving behind strongholds of truth, righteousness, justice, and peace in their place..."

Elijah answered "It would be true that this valley could no longer train The Lord's people in warfare if you totally defeated the evil here, but even the best that go through are not capable of that. Only when The King returns in His fullness will this be fully accomplished. You are doing this to prepare the way for His coming. In all that you accomplish you are helping to build the highway. Building His highway is how you prepare the way for Him. We should all know by now that making it through the tests of our faith is never the whole reason for the tests. Even defeating enemies is not the whole reason for the battles we are led into. It is also about who we become by going through them."

*"As we mature into who we are called to be, the less it will be about us and what we gain, but rather more about the kingdom and how others benefit from what we do" ..."*²

So, the valley is for those who want to move forward into their Kingdom destiny. The process is for those who have committed themselves to growing and maturing in their sonship. Also for those who have committed themselves to become everything that Father intended them to be, outside of any religion.

1 – Rick Joyner (2013) "The Path" ('Fire on the Mountain book 1')

www.amazon.com.au/Path-Fire-Mountain-Book-ebook/dp/B00GHTL2R8

2 – Rick Joyner (2018) "The Valley" ('Fire on the Mountain book 2') [Kindle edition] p:16-17, 18, 19, 24-25

www.amazon.com.au/Valley-Fire-Mountain-Book-ebook/dp/B07HY8LBMJ

It appears that these determined qualities are the ones that take us on the journey to become part of the New Jerusalem, and consequently, having to go through ‘the valley’.

What’s the difference between a valley test and a wilderness test?

A wilderness experience is a time of becoming nothing and allowing the Spirit to make changes inside of us which culminate in a test to see if we’ve properly taken the changes onboard. A valley test is designed to manifest the darkness that’s inside us and for us to work on defeating the enemy by personally dealing with these issues, one-by-one. It’s what we call in the vernacular, “facing your demons”.

What did I experience?

In ‘the valley’, I suffered from the following symptoms in my mind, soul and body:

- Brain freeze
- Brain cloudiness
- Depression
- Pressure to give up
- Fear
- Panic
- Anxiety
- Sleeplessness
- Bodily pain
- Vision pain
- Inability to control body temperature

In effect, what occurred was that I had to deal with some weaknesses that I had, the outworking of which produced the above symptoms. All of the weaknesses I knew about beforehand, because I’d been working on dealing with them over the past few years, every time they manifested. These remained weaknesses because they were areas that I wasn’t fully able to control or eliminate. By being weak in those, the enemy was able to give sustained attack through those ‘gates’.

The origin of the attacks in these areas were through activities and attitudes that I had submitted to in my life in the past. They were “weak points in my spiritual armour” that the enemy knew existed because he used them regularly to try to sideline me or make me give up what I was doing for my King. Those areas were:

- Fear,
- Lack of trust,
- Depression,
- Anxiousness, &
- Giving up.

These five failures were attacks that I submitted to, sometime between this year and my childhood. In the recent past I had been regularly pummelled with these by the enemy on a constant basis, because he knew from past experience that I had submitted to them. This happened, even though I had many, many victories over them, since I came to realise my true identity as a son.

How come the enemy is able to do this?

That question should come to those who are reading this article. How can he do this when I’m “covered by the blood”? How can he do this when Jesus is my defender and protector?

The answer is simple: As sons of God, through our lineage to Adam, we have been given autonomy to be in charge of ourselves. Being created that way, the Trinity never encroaches on it, because that’s the way they created us to be and how they want it to always be. When we come into the Kingdom we surrender

our rights to the King, but we still are in charge and still have to make decisions every day of our lives.

Our misunderstanding of our responsibility to be in charge of ourselves causes us to be a puppet of the enemy, rather than sons of the Kingdom who operate in our roles, such as planet managers. All our faith and theology will not protect us from ourselves. We make choices and we have to deal with the consequences – with Father’s assistance, of course.

As a help to understanding this misconception, read some of what Mike Parsons has spoken about it. This is the knowledge he was given by Father and it’s also his experience:

“Jesus talked about the judge. He talked about the Kingdom in a judicial sense, rather than a warfare sense. He talked about getting a verdict from the judge, in some of the stories he told and some of the things he taught. So, when you look at, “Why does something have any access to our lives”, you have to find out what legally they use to give them access, and then deal with that thing. So, if it’s a legal access, then you deal with it in a legal sense...

Praying and asking God to do something, is what you do when you’re a baby. You ask your parents to do everything for you. But then, your parents will hopefully teach you how to do things, and you’ll learn how to do things, and then you’ll do things for yourself. So, if I keep going to God and ask, “Oh God, can you do this? Jesus, can you do this? Can you? Can you stop those people attacking me? Can you stop the enemy attacking me?” He’ll say, “Well, there’s a legal right for the enemy to attack you. You need to deal with the legal right.” He won’t just change the thing because I ask him to, when there’s a process to go through. Now, God is gracious and he’s merciful and he’s kind and he’s loving and he’ll help us a lot in these things. BUT, he wants us to mature so that we’re able to know our identity, know our authority and exercise our sonship.”³

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What sustained me?

What kept me going, day after day, was drawing from the Internal Kingdom where my life is located these days.⁴ All I needed to do was to resist the negativity and draw from the spiritual life within me. That’s where the ultimate test for me was: Would I abandon my trust in the King to supply all my needs, and so, do everything in my own strength?

Knowing my Father’s love and his oversight in taking me through the rough patches in life kept me at rest and at peace after I pushed aside each attack. I rested in my experience of the reality of these:

“Look up and put your faith in Me. It has been hard to find a ray of sunshine and hope, but hang on. I will bring you through the darkness and the maze of despair. You are My own special treasure, and I have not forgotten nor forsaken you. I am with you.”⁵

“When confusion sets in and things become too difficult, take the time and make the effort to get back in the flow of My Spirit. Deal with issues that have taken you off course. Seek to establish yourself in peace. Then, you can know without question that I am with you and directing your steps.”⁶

3 – Mike Parsons (17-5-2022) "Applying the Verdict" youtu.be/mAlAV1jIhXY [0:24-0:59, 7:42-8:35]

{NOTE: Transcript was cleaned up to remove extraneous speech – ums, ahs, etc.}

4 – “Abundant Life Comes from the Internal Kingdom”

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“The Importance of All Needs Being Met by the Internal Kingdom”

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5 – Marsha Burns “Small Straws in the Soft Wind” (March 19, 2022) ft111.com/smallstraws.htm [ARCHIVE: www.ft111.com/straws2022.htm]

6 – Marsha Burns “Small Straws in the Soft Wind” (March 19, 2022) ft111.com/smallstraws.htm [ARCHIVE: www.ft111.com/straws2022.htm]

I also kept my mind busy on relevant matters, because I know that the battle ground with the enemy is always in our minds. I also know that my mind strongly overrides my other faculties, as Father told me:

“This is why more molding is required of you because your mind is so strong. You must learn to bring it into subjection to your spirit so my Spirit can use you more.”⁷

To ensure that I gave ‘no quarter’ to the enemy I was always listening with my spirit to ensure I didn’t inadvertently open another ‘door’ for him in my activities and speech. I also endeavoured to remain fully focused on what I was doing, just as the King told me to do some years ago.

Was I successful?

Yes, I was able to defeat all of the areas of attack by the enemy and overcome all of the symptoms, until they subsided. That occurred through me STANDING and resisting them, while trusting Father to take me through each one, one after the other. That’s not a boast, it’s a statement of fact, to testify that it can be done, even with a sustained attack over a couple of months.

Am I out of ‘the valley’?

Have I finished being tested? NO!

Am I out of this valley yet? I believe so.

However, there will be more valleys, even more intense than the one I just exited. These will be more extreme because each time I’m successful, I’m advanced in some way in the Kingdom. As Father trains me for my next promotion, the enemy will test me again, because he doesn’t want me to progress and cause him even more trouble.



But God doesn’t tempt us?

Yes, that’s right, he doesn’t.⁸ It’s the enemy who does the tempting, to draw us away from where we are spiritually. What the Trinity actually does, is test us, to expose what’s really inside of us and to try our resolve in some area or other.

There are many past examples of this. It’s what happened to Jesus in the wilderness and it’s what happened to Job. Both these incidents show the enemy’s role in tempting and causing chaos, and they both show how the temptations were defeated. Both people passed their tests and were released into everything that Father had for them.

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7 – PROPHETIC JOURNAL ENTRY: 5-11-2021

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8 – SEE: James 1:12-14