

# They Wandered in the Wilderness in a Solitary Way

by A.B. Simpson

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*To truly serve God, we must be content to walk alone with Him, even if it means going against human opinion and approval.*

**Scripture:** Psalm 118:8, Proverbs 29:25, Isaiah 41:10, Matthew 6:1-2, John 12:43, Galatians 1:10, 1 Thessalonians 2:4, 2 Timothy 4:3-4, Hebrews 13:5, James 4:4

**Topics:** "Solitude with God", "Approval of God vs. Man"

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## Description

A.B. Simpson emphasizes the necessity for those who fight the Lord's battles to forsake the desire for human approval and praise, warning that such motives can lead to spiritual weakness. He encourages believers to embrace the solitary path of walking closely with God, recognizing that true strength comes from divine approval rather than human sympathy. Simpson highlights the danger of confusing earthly affection with genuine brotherly love, urging Christians to find solace in God's understanding rather than in the fleeting opinions of others.

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## Transcript

A 11 who fight the Lord's battles must be content to die to the favorable opinions of men and the flattery of human praise. We cannot make an exception even in favor of the good opinions of the children of God. It is very easy for the insidious adversary to make this also an appeal to the flesh. It is all right when God sends us the approval of our fellow men; however, we must never make that approval a motive in our life. All such motives are poison and deprive us of the strength with which we are to give glory to God. Rather, we must be content with the solitary way and the lonely wilderness.

The man of God must walk alone with God.

He must be content in the realization that God knows all things. it is such a relief to the natural man within us to fall back upon human countenances and human thoughts and sympathy that we often deceive ourselves and think it "brotherly love, when, in fact, we are just resting in the earthly sympathy of some fellow worm!

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