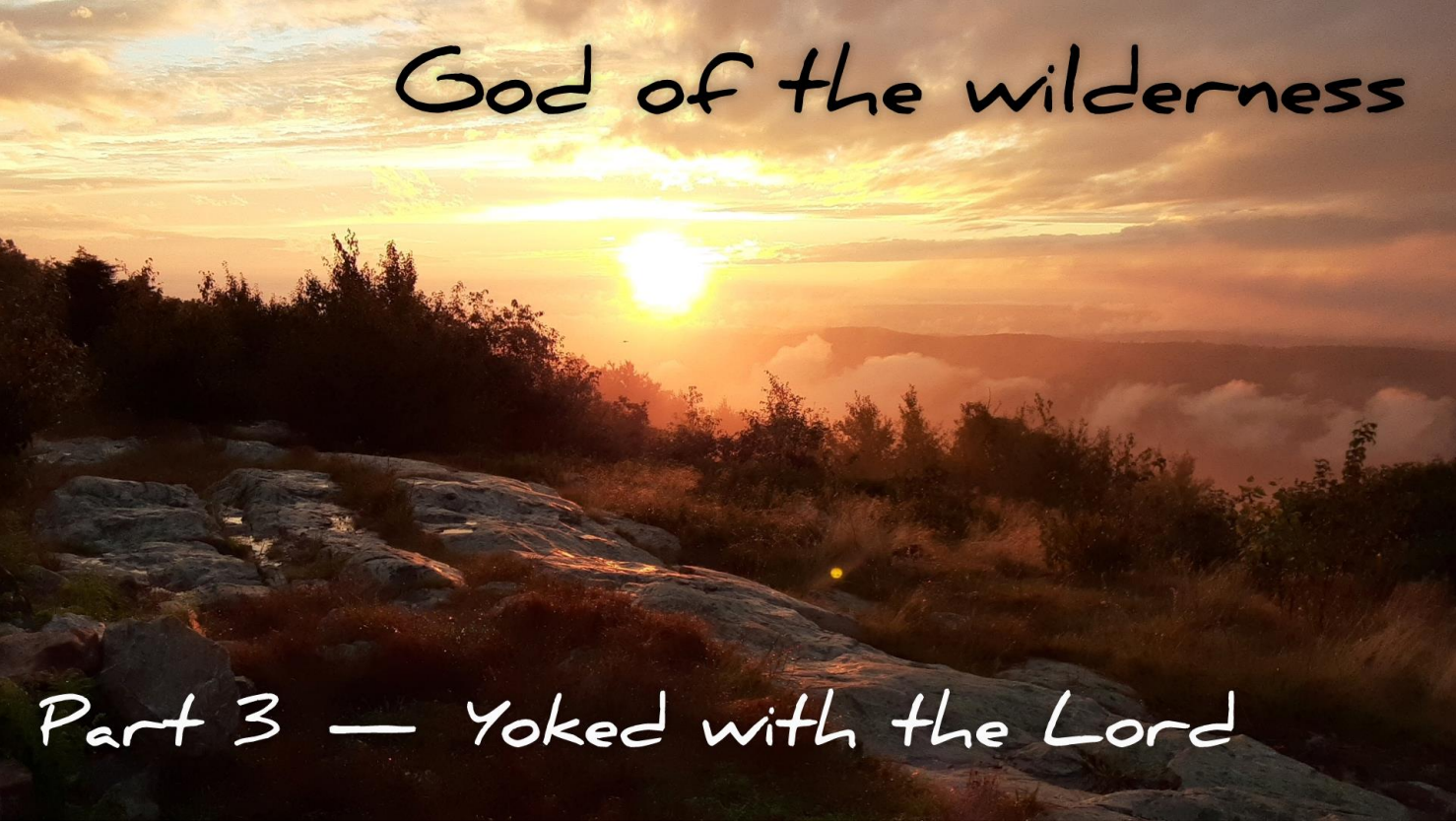


A photograph of a sunset over a rocky, hilly landscape. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm, golden glow across the sky and the landscape. The foreground features large, light-colored rocks and some sparse vegetation. In the background, there are rolling hills and a valley filled with trees and clouds. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

God of the wilderness

Part 3 — Yoked with the Lord

22 "Then you shall say to
Pharaoh, 'Thus says the Lord,
"Israel is My son, My firstborn.

Exodus 4:22–23

23 "So I said to you, 'Let My son
go *that he may serve ["abad"]*
Me...

Exodus 4:22–23

We are hard wired to
serve. What or whom
we serve determines
our level of actual
freedom.

1 It was *for freedom* that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery.

Galatians 5:1

At the cross, our
freewill was restored
to us.

We are returned to
the choice of Eden.

11 'Moreover, I will make My dwelling among you, and My soul will not reject you.

Leviticus 26:11–13

12 'I will also walk among you and
be your God, and you shall be My
people.

Leviticus 26:11–13

13 'I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt so that *you* would not be their slaves, and ***I broke the bars of your yoke and made you walk upright.***

Leviticus 26:11–13

Freedom is our natural
created condition.

Every relationship
where obedience is forced
is a byproduct of sin.

²⁸ Come to Me, all *you* who
labor and are heavy laden, and I
will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28–30

²⁹ *Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me,* for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Matthew 11:28–30

³⁰ For My yoke *is* easy and My burden is light.”

Matthew 11:28–30

The yoke of Jesus is
still a yoke.

We are now servants
to a master whose aim
is our freedom.

We were not set free
to indulge the self-
centered lifestyle of
old, but to be remade
into the image of Love.

Jesus' yoke is easy
because we do not
carry His "burden"
alone. He is yoked
together with us.

**15 *"If you love Me, you will
keep My commandments.***

John 14:15–16

16 "I will ask the Father, and *He will give you another Helper,*
that He may be with you forever

John 14:15–16

The yoke of Jesus is
summed up in one
word:

obedience.

1 I love the Lord, because He
hears *My voice and my*
supplications.

Psalms 116

2 Because He has inclined His
ear to me, Therefore I shall call
upon Him as long as I live.

Psalms 116

3 The cords of death
encompassed me And the
terrors of Sheol came upon me;
I found distress and sorrow.

Psalm 116

**4 Then I called upon the name
of the Lord: "O Lord, I beseech
You, save my life!"**

Psalm 116

**5 Gracious is the Lord, and
righteous; Yes, our God is
compassionate.**

Psalm 116

**6 The Lord preserves the
simple; I was brought low, and
He saved me.**

Psalms 116

**7 Return to your rest, O my
soul, For the Lord has dealt
bountifully with you.**

Psalm 116

**8 For You have rescued my soul
from death, My eyes from tears,
My feet from stumbling.**

Psalms 116

**9 I shall walk before the Lord In
the land of the living.**

Psalm 116

**10 I believed when I said, "I am
greatly afflicted."**

Psalm 116

**11 I said in my alarm, "All men
are liars."**

Psalms 116

**12 What shall I render to the
Lord For all His benefits toward
me?**

Psalm 116

**13 I shall lift up the cup of
salvation And call upon the
name of the Lord.**

Psalm 116

14 I shall pay my vows to the
Lord, Oh *may it be* in the
presence of all His people.

Psalm 116

**15 Precious in the sight of the
Lord Is the death of His godly
ones.**

Psalm 116

16 O Lord, surely I am Your
servant, I am Your servant, the
son of Your handmaid, You have
loosed my bonds.

Psalm 116

**17 To You I shall offer a sacrifice
of thanksgiving, And call upon
the name of the Lord.**

Psalms 116

18 I shall pay my vows to the
Lord, Oh *may it be* in the
presence of all His people,

Psalm 116

**19 In the courts of the Lord's
house, In the midst of you, O
Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!**

Psalm 116

