

A Pelican in the Desert

“I am like a pelican in the desert.”

Psalm 102:6 (Moffatt)

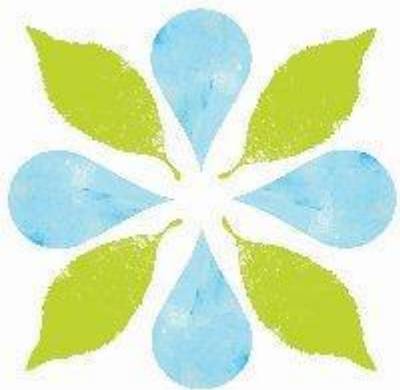
“See, a king will reign in righteousness and rulers will rule with justice. Each one will be like a shelter from the wind and a refuge from the storm, like streams of water in the desert and the shadow of a great rock in a thirsty land.”

Isaiah 32:1-2









Forest Lake

AS GOOD AS IT SOUNDS

“The Pelican”

by Dixon Lanire Merritt. 1910

**“A wonderful bird is the pelican;
His bill can hold more than his belican.**

**“He can take in his beak; Food enough for a week,
But [I can’t figure out how in the world he can!]**

(Last line modified)







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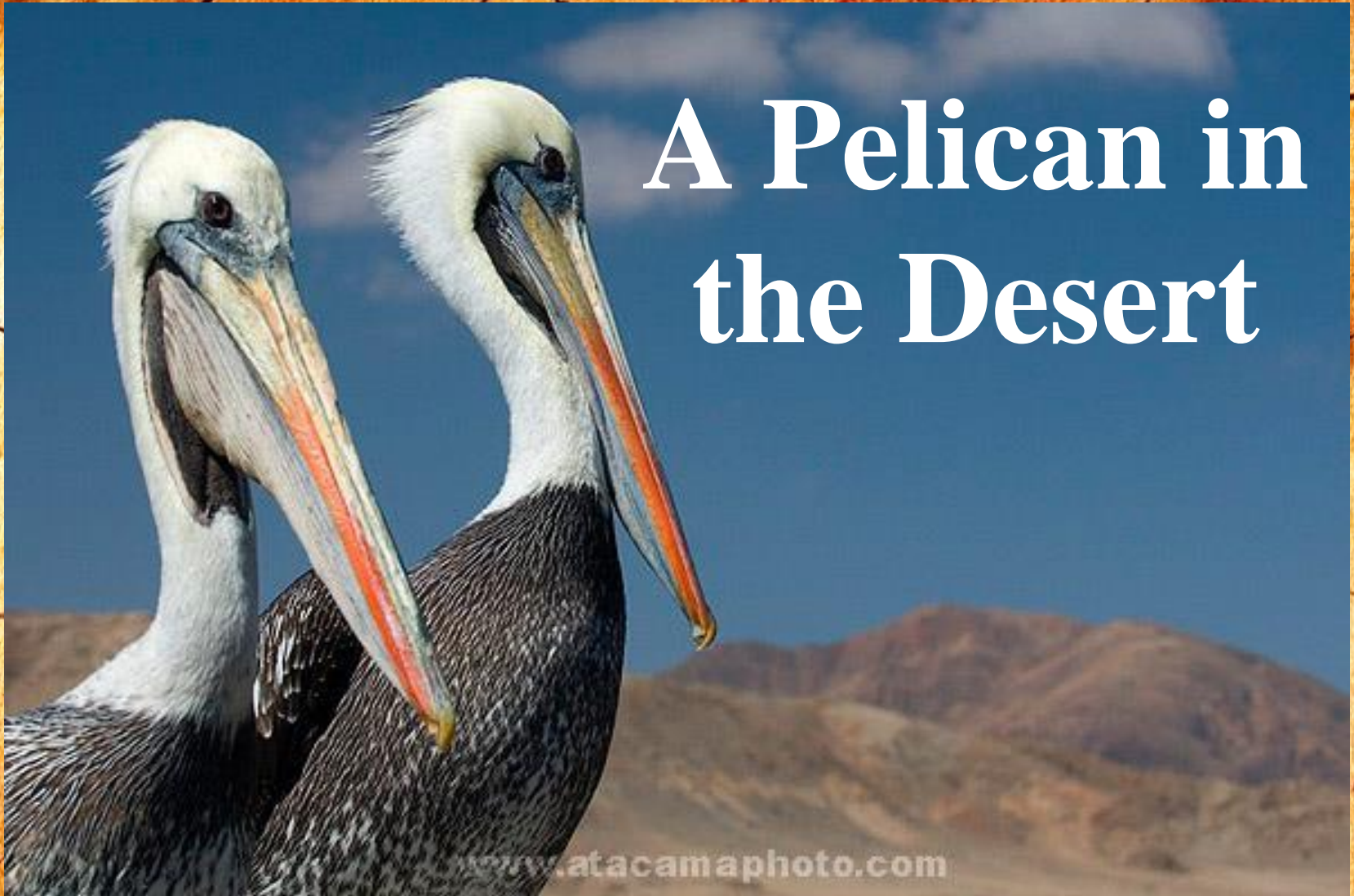
Hear my prayer, O Lord; let my cry for help come to you.
Do not hide your face from me when I am in distress.
Turn your ear to me; when I call, answer me quickly.
For my days vanish like smoke; my bones burn like glowing
embers.

My heart is blighted and withered like grass; I forget to eat
my food.

Because of my loud groaning I am reduced to skin and bones.
I am like a pelican, a pelican in the desert.
I lie awake; I have become like a bird alone on a roof.

Psalm 102:1-7

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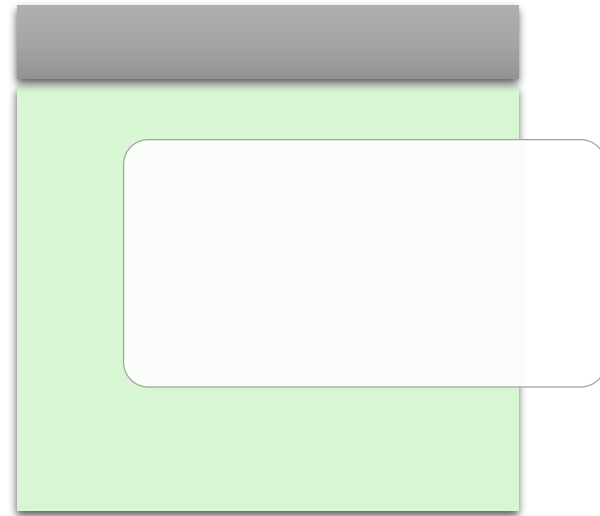


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Sterile

Lack of life



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Still

Loneliness



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Static

Unchanging

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“Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert.” Isaiah 35:6

“On the last and most important day of the festival, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, ‘All who are thirsty should come to me! All who believe in me should drink! As the scriptures said concerning me, Rivers of living water will flow out from within him.’” John 7:37-38

John 4:7-15

⁷ A Samaritan woman came to the well to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me some water to drink.” ⁸ His disciples had gone into the city to buy Him some food.

⁹ The Samaritan woman asked, “Why do you, a Jewish man, ask for something to drink from me, a Samaritan woman?” (Jews and Samaritans didn’t associate with each other.)

¹⁰ Jesus responded, “If you recognized God’s gift and who is saying to you, ‘Give me some water to drink,’ you would be asking Him and He would give you living water.”

¹¹ The woman said to him, “Sir, you don’t have a bucket and the well is deep. Where would you get this living water? ¹² You aren’t greater than our father Jacob, are you?”

John 4:7-15

He gave this well to us, and he drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.”

¹³ Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks from the water that I will give will never be thirsty again. The water that I give will become in those who drink it a spring of water that bubbles up into eternal life.”

¹⁵ The woman said to Him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I will never be thirsty and will never need to come here to draw water!”



Isaiah 35:6, “Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert.”

Psalms 1 “Truly happy person[s]...are like a tree replanted by streams of water, which bears fruit at just the right time and whose leaves don’t fade. Whatever they do succeeds.”

Rev. 22:17, “The Spirit and the bride say ‘Come!’ And let the one who hears say, ‘Come!’ Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life.”



“Sir, give me this water, so that I will never be thirsty and will never need to come to draw water’ in ways that don’t satisfy. Forgive me from drawing from empty wells. Forgive me from only drinking occasionally. Help me to give all of me, all of the way I live, to you. Help me to drink deeply. And turn my desert into wetlands.

In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen.”