

Numbers 13:1-21
"Fear Or Faith"

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1. Introduction

- a. 12 spies go into Canaan
 - sent by Moses to see the land
 - they all returned
 - * 10 gave a bad report
 - * Only Joshua & Caleb brought good
- b. God commanded Moses to send them

2. Eyewitnesses of the Future

- a. ~~(12-5)~~ Num 13:17-20 spies to give accurate realistic report
- b. Complete evaluation
 - Not see with "rose colored glasses" - too optimistic
 - Not see with discouraged pessimism - "we cannot do it"
- c. Credible evidence
 - verbal ~~ex~~ report
 - branch of grapes, pomegranites, & figs
- d. Promise of provision
 - God will supply your need (Phil⁴:19)

3. Emotion of Fear

- a. Num 13:28 "Nevertheless", "But"
- b. Faint praise of "land of milk & honey"
- c. But... giants, foreign powers, strong fortified cities - impossible
- d. Num 13:31-32 "We are not able to go up against"

- 3e. Pessimistic pattern
 - all foreigners were same people
 at same time as Abraham
- f. Predictable panic
 - Num 13:32-33 we're as mere
 insects in their sight (10 spies)
 - Num 14:1-3 Why did God bring us to
 destruction?
 * weak willed people (nation panics)
4. Expectation of Faith
- Calming demeanor
 - Num 13:30 Caleb quiets the people
 "we are well able to overcome
 them"
 - Challenging directive -
 - Num 14:7 the land is a great good
 land
 - Num 14:8 The Lord will bring us
 & give it to us
5. Endurance of a Follower
- Only Joshua & Caleb survived 40
 year wilderness wandering
 - Unwavering faithfulness - Caleb
 - Josh 14:6-10 I wholly followed
 the Lord my God
 - Unknown fatigue Josh 14:10-12
 - Now Caleb 85 years old
 - But I am as strong now as
 40 years ago
 - Give me this mountain - Hebron
 - Unordinary favor
 - Caleb asked for Hebron & he
 conquered that mountain from
 the Anakim (giants descendants
 of Anak (Num 13:3, Josh 14:15))
6. God's Judgment
- I will bring Caleb back (Num 14:25)
 - Entire nation of Israel to die in
 the wilderness (Num 14:23, 28-30)
 - But their children shall inherit the
 land (Num 14:31-34)