

BREAD FOR US!

Num 14:9 Only rebel not ye against the LORD, neither fear ye the people of the land; for they are bread for us: their defence is departed from them, and the LORD is with us: fear them not.

Israel was delivered from Egypt by the supernatural power of God. They were led into a terrible and life destroying desert. In this desert God supernaturally supplied comfort and provisions. He provided a cloud to block the raging sun and provided water out of the rock. God also provided daily bread to fall from heaven for them. Now they were being led into the Promise Land. God had promised them that He would lead them into a land that flowed with milk and honey. However, unbelief would keep them from going in. Both Moses and the people were guilty of unbelief in this matter. Moses was guilty of unbelief by sending spies into the promise land with the wrong mission. Moses was not wrong in sending in the spies, but he erred in what he told them to do. God had previously told Moses and Israel what kind of land He was sending them into and that He had given them the land.

Exo 3:8 And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

Exo 3:17 And I have said, I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt unto the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, unto a land flowing with milk and honey.

Exo 6:8 And I will bring you in unto the land, concerning the which I did swear to give it to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob; and I will give it you for an heritage: I am the LORD.

Deu 8:7 For the LORD thy God bringeth thee into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths that spring out of valleys and hills;

Deu 8:8 A land of wheat, and barley, and vines, and fig trees, and pomegranates; a land of oil olive, and honey;

Deu 8:9 A land wherein thou shalt eat bread without scarceness, thou shalt not lack any *thing* in it; a land whose stones *are* iron, and out of whose hills thou mayest dig brass.

God had plainly told Moses and Israel that the land was a good land, that it was a fat land with milk and honey, with trees, and they would not lack anything in it! Here is what Moses told the spies to look for when he sent them into the Promise Land.

Num 13:17 And Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan, and said unto them, Get you up this *way* southward, and go up into the mountain:

Num 13:18 And see the land, what it *is*; and the people that dwelleth therein, whether they *be* strong or weak, few or many;

Num 13:19 And what the land *is* that they dwell in, whether it *be* good or bad; and what cities *they be* that they dwell in, whether in tents, or in strong holds;

Num 13:20 And what the land *is*, whether it *be* fat or lean, whether there be wood therein, or not. And be ye of good courage, and bring of the fruit of the land. Now the time *was* the time of the firstripe grapes.

Num 13:21 So they went up, and searched the land from the wilderness of Zin unto Rehob, as men come to Hamath.

Moses set up these spies for unbelief and failure. They had the wrong mission. God had said the land was a good land with everything they would need and that He was giving it to them. Therefore, why in the world did it matter how many people there were and if they had strongholds or not! If God said it was a good land that flowed with milk and honey and had everything they needed, then why ask the spies to see what kind of land it was? Instead of focusing on God and His power, grace, and provision, Moses told the spies to look to see if what God said was true. When you do this you are going to fall. After Moses told them to look at the natural circumstances and to see if God had spoken truthfully, he said told them to be of good courage! You will not have

courage if you focus on the natural circumstances of life and especially in order to see if what God had said was true! Joshua sent in two spies forty years later but he learned the lesson. He sent the spies in for the purpose to see what way they were to go up into the land to attack.

When the twelve spies came back they reported back according to the mission for which Moses had sent them. They reported that there were many people that were strong and tall. They said they had fortified cities. They did say the land flowed with milk and honey [surprise!] and had abundant trees and fruit. Ten of the spies were overcome with unbelief because of what they saw. They said they were like grasshoppers in the sight of the Canaanites. Two of the spies- Joshua and Caleb had their focus on God and His promises and supernatural provision. They said that God had given them the land and they were able to overcome the giants. They said to Israel to not rebel against God and not fear the people of the land. They then said, **THEY ARE BREAD FOR US!** What were they referring to by saying this? They were trying to get Israel to think back to the last forty years when God rained down daily bread from heaven in the wilderness! They did not have to provide for their own bread. God provided it supernaturally! They just had to pick it up and bake it! This is what these two spies had in mind! They had God's power and miracles in their remembrance and were trying to remind Israel of this. If God was able to provide bread for two million people daily in the wilderness then the giants of the land were dead meat! Their defeat would be supernatural as was the bread for forty years! They would have to go in and fight against the giants but God would have supernaturally helped them defeat their foes no matter how strong they were!

The stories of the Old Testament were written down for us today. We are to learn from them! We have enemies today that stand against us- Satan, sin, and the world. Jesus has defeated all three of these giants and told us the victory is ours! Jesus left us here to occupy our Promised Land until He come back. We are to occupy our Promise Land. Every day we are attacked by Satan, sin, and the world. We are attacked by the giants of sin, sickness, lack, and persecution. Instead of running in fear we are to stand our ground in the armor of the Lord and know they are bread for us! If we will stand against sin, sickness, lack, oppression, and problems and call them bread for us, God will fight for us! If we trust God He will provide

supernatural victory over them no matter how strong they appear! Instead of focusing on your problems and how big they are, focus on how big God is and all the supernatural things He has done for you! It all started with the miracle of the new birth! Jesus obtained the Promise Land for you but you must occupy it! You must stand against Satan, sin, and the world. You must stand your ground, but God is with you to make sure your victory is certain! Your enemies are strong but God is much stronger! They are bread for you!