

LESSONS FROM NUMBERS

Lesson #2 -Refusing to Enter the Land

Scripture Reading: Numbers 13:30-33

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Introduction:

1. E.g. -One is about to accomplish what they always wanted and forfeits at the very end.
2. The lack of faith kept Israel from the Promised Land.
3. What do we learn from their example?
4. To learn from their example we must first look upon it...

I. ISRAEL'S EXAMPLE

A. THEY SPIED OUT THE LAND -13:21-25

1. They brought back a cluster of grapes -vs. 23
2. They reported it was a land flowing with milk and honey -vs. 27

B. THEY BROUGHT A NEGATIVE REPORT -13:30-33

1. Caleb believed in their future success -vs. 30
2. The rest believed they were just grasshoppers

C. THEY DESIRED TO RETURN TO EGYPT -14:1-5

1. They believed the Lord led them here to die
2. They wanted to select another leader and go back to Egypt

D. JOSHUA AND CALEB TRY TO ENCOURAGE ISRAEL -14:6-10

1. The Lord would bring them into the land -vs. 8
2. Their protection has left them -vs. 9

E. THEY ARE REJECTED BY THE LORD

1. He was going to destroy all of them -14:11-19
2. He sentenced them to death in the wilderness -14:20-24

F. THE TOUGH LESSON FOR ISRAEL

1. There is no success without God -Nu 14:39-45
2. Success was theirs for the taking
 - a. King Sihon -Nu 21:21-32
 - b. King Og -Nu 21:33-35; De 3:11
 - c. Rahab -Joshua 2:9-11

II. LESSON FOR US TODAY

A. WE MUST HAVE FAITH IN FUTURE REST

1. Israel lost the Promised Land for lack of faith -Heb 3:16-19
2. We have a promise of rest
 - a. Hebrews 4:1-7 is a discussion on Psalms 95 indicated we have a rest.
 - b. We want to ensure we do not fall short of entering that rest -Read Heb. 4:8-11

B. SOUL-SAVING FAITH

1. Looks to the cross
 - a. Jesus conquered sin and death for us
 - b. Only through Him can our sins be washed away -Ac 4:12
2. Looks to the promises
 - a. Abraham was promised the land to his descendants -Ge 12:1-ff
 - b. Jesus promised He is preparing a place for us -Jn 14:1-4
 - c. Paul discusses this promise -2Co 5:1-8
3. The faith that obeys
 - a. Faith by itself is not enough -Ja 2:19
 - b. We must obey the gospel -2Th 2:7, 8; 1Co 15:3, 4; Ro 6:3, 4
 - c. We must remain faithful -Re 2:10

Conclusion:

1. Israel defeated the Canaanites, King Sihon, and King Og. God gave them the victory as He would have within the Promised Land.
2. If we fail to put our faith in God and obey Him, we will have an eternity of regret.
3. Therefore, let us be like Joshua and Caleb who kept the faith and won the land!