



We Are Well Able

Numbers 13:26-31

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Text Overview: The Spies' Report and the People's Reaction – Numbers 13 & 14

1. Spies sent into the land of Canaan – Num. 13:1-24
 - a) 12 spies – one from each tribe – each one a chief
 - b) Objective: What is the land like?
 - i. Are the people who dwell in it strong or weak?
 - ii. Are the people few or many?
 - iii. Is the land good or bad?
 - iv. Are the cities camps or strongholds?
 - v. Is the land rich or poor?
 - vi. Are there trees or not?
 - vii. Bring some of the fruit of the land

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2. Report of the Spies – Num. 13:25-33

- a) After 40 days returned with word and fruit
- b) Information about the land
 - i. Land is good and rich – “*flows with milk and honey*”
 - ii. People who dwell in it are strong
 - iii. Cities are fortified and large
 - iv. People were tall – “descendants of Anak”
 - v. The land was heavily occupied –
Amalekites, Hittites, Jebusites, Amorites, and Canaanites

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2. Report of the Spies – Num. 13:25-33

- c) Two different interpretations of information from spies
 - i. Caleb (and Joshua) - *“Let us go up at once and occupy it, for we are well able to overcome it.”*
 - ii. The other 10 spies - *“We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we are.”*
 - iii. What was the difference?

The difference was their faith in God.

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3. The People's Reaction – Num. 14:1-4

- a) People of Israel raised a loud cry and wept
- b) Grumbled –

– *“Would that we had died in the land of Egypt!
Or would that we had died in this wilderness!”*

– *“our little ones will become a prey”*

– *“Let us choose a leader and go back to Egypt”*

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4. God's Judgment on the people – Num. 14:20-38
 - a) Stay 40 years in the wilderness – a year for each day spying out the land
 - b) 20 years old and up would not enter the land of promise
 - Exception: Joshua and Caleb
 - c) 10 spies who gave a bad report died by plague

1) We Are Well Able... To Overcome Sin in Our Own Lives

A. Faith in God means we know He gives us:

- i. The power to put the old man to death
- Rom. 6:1-6
- i. The power to resist temptation to sin
- 1 Cor. 10:13
- iii. The power to live holy lives in an unholy world
- Titus 2:11-12

--Will we rebel against God like Israel,
or will we be faithful like Joshua and Caleb?

2) We Are Well Able... To Teach the Lost in the Community

A. Faith in God means we trust Him:

i. For opportunities

- Acts 4:29-31

i. For the message we should teach

- Rom. 1:16; 1 Cor. 1:22-24; 2 Tim. 4:2

iii. For the salvation of souls to occur

- 1 Cor. 3:6

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3) We Are Well Able...

To Grow to Maturity as God's People

A. Faith in God will cause us to use:

i. His diet for our nutrition

- 1 Pet. 2:1-2

i. His exercise

- 1 Tim. 4:7-8; 1 Cor. 9:24-27

iii. His maintenance program

- Heb. 5:13-14; 1 Cor. 15:58

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Conclusion

- A. The faithless died in the wilderness without the reward. Caleb (and Joshua) had a different spirit...followed God fully...entered the reward
- Num. 14:24
- B. With God on our side we are able to...
 - 1. Overcome Sin in Our Own Lives
 - 2. Teach the Lost in the Community
 - 3. Grow to Maturity as God's People
- C. Have diligent, obedient faith in God and you will enter His rest - Heb. 4:1