

Don't Blame God

Shalom,

Numbers 13:1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

Numbers 13:2 Send thou men, that they may search the land of Canaan, which I give unto the children of Israel: of every tribe of their fathers shall ye send a man, every one a ruler among them.

In this week's Torah reading in **Numbers 13:1—15:41**, notice the instruction God gave to Moses to send spies to search the land of Canaan. **He told them to explore the land which He had given them.** The promise of His Word was an established fact that He had already transferred ownership of the land to His covenant people. As is often the case with those who lean upon natural understanding, the word spoken was filtered through the thought process of past experience, ignoring the powerful statement which had just been delivered to them from God through Moses. God's Word is alive, and in it is the power to immediately produce what He says, even if it cannot be detected by human senses. The fact was that YHWH had declared His will. The land no longer belonged to its former inhabitants, but had been given to a people who would trust His Word and obediently act to take possession of the promise.

This, of course, is true with every word and promise that God speaks.

2 Corinthians 1:20 For all the promises of God in Him are yea, and in Him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.

Our response to His Word should always be a resounding, “**Yes!**,” and “**It is true,**” No matter how impossible or unlikely it appears to our physical senses, we who are spiritual will cry out, “**I believe it, and I take it!**” For you see, God receives glory when His promises are received and acted upon in faith by His believing ones, or as the Word says, “Unto the glory of God **by us.**”

Consider the following promise:

Luke 10:19 Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

The promise that we have been given power to tread on evil things will not result in glory to God until we say it with our mouths and believe it in our hearts, and then, **tread forth in the Name of Jesus.** His Word is true, and when we act upon it, we will see its manifestation in our lives. We will step on the enemy, and he cannot harm us when we respond to the promise with a “Yes! Amen! In the Name of Jesus.”

Every promise is activated in us in like manner. God's Word is, as He is, **unchanging.** What He calls forth, must obey Him. Everything He speaks concerning us is just as certain today as it was when He spoke it. The Word of God is the will of God for us. He has spoken precisely what He means, and there is power in every Word of God to bring what He says into manifestation. **That is a fact, and it will never change.** Your responsibility is to believe His Word and take corresponding action from a heart of obedience. Don't rely on your own understanding, as the ten

spies did, who heard God's Word, but spoke instead, words of fear, an evil report.

Now, there will always be those who mingle human thinking with the Word, and then interpret what God says based upon their own biases and fears, saying things like, “God doesn’t heal everyone,” “Sometimes He wants us to wait,” or “God is sovereign and you never know what He is going to do.” People always want to have an answer, even if it has no scriptural basis. It’s easier to blame God for things than recognize what was obviously a problem with believing and receiving, as is seen in this Torah teaching. God said, “**Search the land of Canaan, which I give unto the children of Israel.**” If He gave the land to them, what did they need to do, but hear His Word, believe it, and possess what He had already given. What was needed to possess the land was contained in the promise. The years of wandering in the wilderness was not God’s plan, but due to the failure to receive that promised possession.

In order to take hold of what the LORD has spoken concerning you, you must hold fast to your confession of faith, that is **you must keep the Word of God in your mouth, and say the same thing that He says for as long as it takes.** Two of the spies, **Caleb and Joshua, continued to speak what the LORD had spoken to them.** As I meditate upon this portion from Numbers 13:1-15:41, I am impressed how these two Godly leaders refused to be swayed by the opinion of man, and how they stood firm even when the multitude threatened to stone them, I can almost hear them talking aloud to themselves, and each other. "We're going to **look at the land God has given us.**" "Wow, will you look at this land and those cities and houses, and take a gander at the vegetables and fruit **that the LORD has given us.**" "When the LORD brings the congregation of Israel into **our inheritance that He has given us,** we will live in their houses, we will eat their produce and drink water from their wells." "They won't know what happened because our **God has given them into our hands.**" Their hearts were fixed, trusting in the Lord. They wouldn't allow themselves to hear evil tidings. They barely noticed the size of the inhabitants of the land, or heard the ranting doubts of the other ten explorers, because **the Word was a reality in their hearts.** God had promised, and He cannot lie. No matter how the circumstances in your life appear, nor how impossible it is for it to happen naturally, every promise of God is true, and He will bring to pass, supernaturally, what could never happen without Him.

Put your trust in the goodness of YHWH, believe in His grace and mercy toward you. Decide that when the LORD speaks, you are going to say the same thing. Fill your heart and mind with the Word of Truth by speaking it with your mouth. Don't let an evil report silence you. No! Let your voice be heard saying what God says. With the agreement of your “Yes” and your “Amen,” know that you have received (taken) the promise to the glory of God.

John 15:7 If ye abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

John 15:8 Herein is My Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be My disciples.

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Taking His promises,
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