

Test Ten at Kadesh-Barnea (Num. 13, 14, Deut. 1, Neh. 9)

Or

All the Earth will be Filled with the Glory of the Lord

Intro.

Reconnaissance of the Land (13:1-25)

Reports of the Spies (13:25-33)

majority (10)

minority (2)

Reactions to the Reports (13:26-14:19)

(1) Rebellion (14:1-4)-hearts melted, not willing, wept, five signs of unbelief

(2) Robust faith (14:5-10)

(3) Reproach from God (14:11, 12)

(4) Repeatable prayer of Moses (14:13-19)-prestige of the Lord, power of the Lord, pardon and promises

Realities of God's ways (14:20-45)

Reflections and/or Applications

1. MA focused on problems but MI on promises. MA inventoried human resources but MI inventoried divine resources. MA magnified obstacles but MI magnified the power of the Lord. MA says land devours, people bigger/taller, and giants (Deut. 1:28). MI says God is sufficient for any obstacle, their protection is removed, and the Lord is with us. MA says cities larger/fortified to heaven (exaggeration) but MI says they shall be our prey. A grasshopper complex of inability versus a giant killer perspective of God's ability to keep His promises.
2. We must always remember God's ways are not ours. He has multiple options. We need to pray for eyes to see as God sees, for ears to hear His voice, and for feet to walk His way.
3. Moses prayed for Israel's pardon, and God answered in the affirmative. But there were consequences for the unbelief. In one case, what they feared never was realized, and their wishes were granted.
4. There are different aspects of unbelief revealed here: grumbling against leadership, wishing for the past, questioning why, fear driving our decisions, and craving new leadership.
5. God is looking for men and women that have a different spirit and who will fully follow Him with faith and obedience to His Word. It is an exciting adventure when we are completely available for anything!
6. Pray for the prestige of the Lord's name, for His power to be great in us and others, for pardon and mercy to those we cross paths with (blessed are the merciful for they shall receive mercy-Matt 5:7).
7. Lastly, "all the earth will be filled with the glory of the Lord" no matter how great man's sin and unbelief are.