

Numbers 13 To Enter Or Not To Enter – Now, that's the Question!

Introduction

1. God's command to spy out the Promised Land & Moses' obedience (Num 13:1-16)
2. Moses' instructions on the mission & the spies' obedience (Num 13:17-24)

Implication:

3. The report by the spies (Num 13:25-29)

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4. The response of Caleb (Joshua) vs the response of the other 10 spies (Num 13:30-33; 14:6-9)
 - a. Basis of Caleb's (Joshua's) response of obedience and courage from Numbers 14:6-9.
 - i. Authenticated God's promise
 - ii. Acknowledged God's sovereignty and ability to give the land to them.
 - iii. Assured of God's presence with them.
 - b. Basis of the ten spies' rebellious response:
 - i. Fear of men rather than faith in God.
 - ii. Focused solely on the negative and thus distorted reality.
 - iii. False perception of self and others.

Implications in two aspects:

- Christian Life:
- Ministry Work:

Reflection Questions:

1. What is an issue you are struggling with in your Christian life? As you reflect upon how you have been thinking about the issue, what was your main focus: God or self? How would a focus on God, His Word and His presence affect the way you struggle with the issue?
2. What ministry decisions do you/your ministry have to make? How do you ensure you have a realistic picture of ministry and yet respond with obedience and courage to what God calls you/your ministry to do?