

Outline

"For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all." 2 Corinthians 4:17

²⁶ They came back to Moses and Aaron and the whole Israelite community at Kadesh in the Desert of Paran. There they reported to them and to the whole assembly and showed them the fruit of the land. ²⁷ They gave Moses this account: "We went into the land to which you sent us, and it does flow with milk and honey! Here is its fruit. ²⁸ But the people who live there are powerful, and the cities are fortified and very large. We even saw descendants of Anak there. ²⁹ The Amalekites live in the Negev; the Hittites, Jebusites and Amorites live in the hill country; and the Canaanites live near the sea and along the Jordan."

³⁰ Then Caleb silenced the people before Moses and said, "We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it."

³¹ But the men who had gone up with him said, "We can't attack those people; they are stronger than we are." ³² And they spread among the Israelites a bad report about the land they had explored. They said, "The land we explored devours those living in it. All the people we saw there are of great size. ³³ We saw the Nephilim there (the descendants of Anak come from the Nephilim). We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them." Numbers 13:26-33

That night all the people of the community raised their voices and wept aloud. ² All the Israelites grumbled against Moses and Aaron, and the whole assembly said to them, "If only we had died in Egypt! Or in this desert! ³ Why is the LORD bringing us to this land only to let us fall by the sword? Our wives and children will be taken as plunder. Wouldn't it be better for us to go back to Egypt?" ⁴ And they said to each other, "We should choose a leader and go back to Egypt." Numbers 14:1-4

²⁷ "How long will this wicked community grumble against me? I have heard the complaints of these grumbling Israelites. ²⁸ So tell them, 'As surely as I live, declares the LORD, I will do to you the very things I heard you say: ²⁹ In this desert your bodies will fall—every one of you twenty years old or more who was counted in the census and who has grumbled against me. ³⁰ Not one of you will enter the land I swore with uplifted hand to make your home, except Caleb son of Jephunneh and Joshua son of Nun." Numbers 14:26-33

"We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them." (vs. 33)

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"In our own eyes"

"So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer." 2 Corinthians 5:16

When God looks at you, he sees: a person who is forgiven (Ephesians 1:7), chosen (1 Peter 2:9), more than a conqueror (Romans 8:37), a child of God (John 1:12), part of the family of God (Ephesians 1:5), a temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19), a person created in the image of God (Genesis 1:27), and a person known by God (Jeremiah 1:5).

They trusted the promises of God more than the voices coming from the world around them and the remnants of Egypt that was still in them.

The Conversation

The Ten: *"We went into the land to which you sent us, and it does flow with milk and honey! Here is its fruit. But the people who live there are powerful, and the cities are fortified and very large. We even saw descendants of Anak there. The Amalekites live in the Negev; the Hittites, Jebusites and Amorites live in the hill country; and the Canaanites live near the sea and along the Jordan."* (13:27-29)

The Two: *"We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it."* (vs. 30),

The Ten: *"We can't attack those people; they are stronger than we are....The land we explored devours those living in it. All the people we saw there are of great size. We saw the Nephilim there (the descendants of Anak come from the Nephilim). We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them."* (13:31-33)

Bad Reports

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An Alternative Report

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

I put a list of good reports on the back of your announcement sheet. Let me read a few more of them:

*I sought the Lord, and he answered me;
he delivered me from all my fears.*

*Those who look to him are radiant;
their faces are never covered with shame.*

*This poor man called, and the Lord heard him;
he saved him out of all his troubles.*

*The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him,
and he delivers them.*

*Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed is the one who takes refuge in him. Psalm 34:4-8*

*If you say, "The Lord is my refuge,"
and you make the Most High your dwelling,
no harm will overtake you,
no disaster will come near your tent.*

*For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways;*

*"Because he loves me," says the Lord, "I will rescue him;
I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.*

*He will call on me, and I will answer him;
I will be with him in trouble,
I will deliver him and honor him.*

*With long life I will satisfy him
and show him my salvation." Psalm 91:9-11, 14-16*

*You will keep in perfect peace
all who trust in you,
all whose thoughts are fixed on you! Isaiah 26:3*

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7

*God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way*

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*and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging.
There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.
God is within her, she will not fall;
God will help her at break of day.
Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;
he lifts his voice, the earth melts.
The Lord Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress. Psalm 46:1-6*

"From Hebron Caleb drove out the three Anakites..." Joshua 15:14

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and he will direct your path!" Proverbs 3:5-6