

Leviticus-Numbers  
Number 13:1-3, 25-33; 14:20-25  
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The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Send men to spy out the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the Israelites; from each of their ancestral tribes you shall send a man, every one a leader among them.” <sup>3</sup>So Moses sent them from the wilderness of Paran, according to the command of the LORD, all of them leading men among the Israelites. . . .

At the end of forty days they returned from spying out the land. <sup>26</sup>And they came to Moses and Aaron and to all the congregation of the Israelites in the wilderness of Paran, at Kadesh; they brought back word to them and to all the congregation and showed them the fruit of the land. <sup>27</sup>And they reported to him and said, “We came to the land to which you sent us; it flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit. <sup>28</sup>Yet the people who live in the land are strong, and the towns are fortified and very large, and besides, we saw the descendants of Anak there. <sup>29</sup>The Amalekites live in the land of the Negeb; the Hittites, the Jebusites, and the Amorites live in the hill country, and the Canaanites live by the sea and along the Jordan.”

<sup>30</sup>But Caleb quieted the people before Moses and said, “Let us go up at once and occupy it, for we are well able to overcome it.” <sup>31</sup>Then the men who had gone up with him said, “We are not able to go up against this people, for they are stronger than we.” <sup>32</sup>So they brought to the Israelites an unfavorable report of the land that they had spied out, saying, “The land that we have gone through as spies is a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people that we saw in it are of great size. <sup>33</sup>There we saw the Nephilim (the Anakites come from the Nephilim), and to ourselves we seemed like grasshoppers, and so we seemed to them.” . . .

<sup>20</sup>Then the LORD said, “I do forgive, just as you have asked; <sup>21</sup>nevertheless, as I live and as all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD, <sup>22</sup>none of the people who have seen my glory and the signs that I did in Egypt and in the wilderness and yet have tested me these ten times and have not obeyed my voice <sup>23</sup>shall see the land that I swore to give to their ancestors; none of those who despised me shall see it. <sup>24</sup>But my servant Caleb, because he has a different spirit and has followed me wholeheartedly, I will bring into the land into which he went, and his descendants shall possess it. <sup>25</sup>Now, since the Amalekites and the Canaanites live in the valleys, turn tomorrow and set out for the wilderness by the way to the Red Sea.”