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Numbers 13:v1-2a - The LORD said to Moses, “Send some men to explore the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the Israelites....”



Num 13:26-33 (ESV)- 26 And they came to Moses and Aaron and to all the congregation of the people of Israel 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. 27 And they told him, “We came to the land to which you sent us. It flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit.....



.....28 However, the people who dwell in the land are strong, and the cities are fortified and very large. And besides, we saw the descendants of Anak there. 29 The Amalekites dwell in the land of the Negeb. The Hittites, the Jebusites, and the Amorites dwell in the hill country. And the Canaanites dwell by the sea, and along the Jordan”....



...30 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. 31 Then the men who had gone up with him said, “We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we are.” 32 So they brought to the people of Israel a bad report of the land....



...that they had spied out, saying, “The land, through which we have gone to spy it out, is a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people that we saw in it are of great height. 33 And there we saw the Nephilim (the sons of Anak, who come from the Nephilim), and we seemed to ourselves like grasshoppers, and so we seemed to them.”



Summary:

- God has clearly given Israelites the land;
- 2 divided camps of opposite views:
 - > One camp: “We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we are.”
 - > Joshua/Caleb: “Let us go up at once and occupy it, for we are well able to overcome it.”

Impact of Fear



1. Fear clouds our hearing and understanding of God's word;
2. Fear distorts reality and makes people prone to deception;
3. Fear exaggerates obstacles.



Numbers 14:6-9 – 6 Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh **7** and said to the entire Israelite assembly, “The land we passed through and explored is exceedingly good. **8** If the LORD is pleased with us, he will lead us into that land, a land flowing with milk and honey, and will give it to us. **9** Only do not rebel against the LORD. And do not be afraid of the people of the land, because we will devour them. Their protection is gone, but the LORD is with us. Do not be afraid of them.”

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Theme 1

- **NOT** about them;
- **NOT** about their enemies or how difficult their circumstances were;
- It's all about **God - who God is; and what God will do**
- **God is powerful, authoritative and faithful**

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1. Promises to Israel & Individuals

- Land to Abraham's descendants (Genesis 15:18-21 → Fulfilled through Joshua in Joshua 21:43-45);
- Exodus from Egypt (Genesis 15:13-14 → Fulfilled through Moses as evidenced in Exodus 12:40-41);
- David's Eternal Throne (2 Samuel 7:12-16 → Fulfilled in Jesus in Luke 1:32-33; Acts 2:30-36).

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2. Messianic Prophecies Fulfilled in Jesus

Prophecy	Old Testament	New Testament Fulfillment
• Born of a virgin	• Isaiah 7:14	• Matthew 1:22-23
• Born in Bethlehem	• Micah 5:2	• Luke 2:4-7
• Betrayed for 30 silver coins	• Zechariah 11:12-13	• Matthew 26:14-16; 27:3-10
• Crucified with sinners	• Isaiah 53:12	• Mark 15:27-28
• Resurrection on the 3rd day	• Jonah 1:17; Hosea 6:2	• Matthew 12:40; 1 Corinthians 15:4

*Over 300+ OT prophecies about Jesus were fulfilled

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3. Promises to the Church

- Holy Spirit's outpouring (Joel 2:28-29 → Fulfilled in Acts 2:1-4)
- Salvation for Gentiles (Genesis 12:3 → Fulfilled in Galatians 3:8-9)
- Destruction of Jerusalem's Temple (Daniel 9:26; Matthew 24:2 → Fulfilled AD 70)



Theme 2

- **Obedience**
 - > **We are to obey and do what God asks us to do**

Conclusion:



With all these fears/worries,

What is your plan?

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Thank you