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MORNING WORSHIP

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Text: Numbers 14:21-25

Title: "My servant Caleb... a different spirit" Numbers 14:24

INTRODUCTION

1. There were Twelve spies

- a) They came from different tribes
- b) They were leaders who were chosen for the task of spying out Canaan
- c) Each one had "a different spirit"

2. Ten spies

- a) Colluded with each other
- b) They collaborated and conspired together
- c) They now possessed a "common spirit" among them
 - i) A cowardly spirit
 - ii) A hostile spirit
 - iii) A disobedient spirit

3. Caleb and Joshua

- a) They were now the minority
- b) They would be outvoted by the majority
- c) They had "a different spirit" from the Ten Spies
- d) What was that spirit?

THE THREAT OF GOD

¹¹ Then the Lord said to Moses: "How long will these people reject Me? And how long will they not believe Me, with all the signs which I have performed among them?"

¹² I will strike them with the pestilence and disinherit them, and I will make of you a nation greater and mightier than they."

Numbers 14:11-12

1. Assessment of the children of Israel

- a) They had rejected the LORD
- b) They had refused to believe in Him
- c) Despite all the signs that had been performed

2. Judgment forewarned

- a) God will strike them with a pestilence
- b) He will disinherit them
- c) He will start afresh a new line through Moses

3. The Intercession of Moses

- a) He pleaded for Pardon
- b) He appealed to the great and merciful nature of God

4. The Intercession of Moses was well-received

- a) The children of Israel would not be killed
- b) They would be spared
- c) But God would have to deal with the Ten Spies directly
- d) They had greatly and adversely affected the children of Israel

THE FINAL JUDGMENT RENDERED

²⁰ Then the Lord said: "I have pardoned, according to your word;

²¹ but truly, as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord—

²² because all these men who have seen My glory and the signs which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have put Me to the test now these ten times, and have not heeded My voice,

²³ they certainly shall not see the land of which I swore to their fathers, nor shall any of those who rejected Me see it.

Numbers 14:20-23

1. Pardon from destruction is granted

2. The glory of the Lord

- a) The earth will be filled with His glory
- b) Punishment would reflect His glory too
- c) Pardoning the children of Israel would also bring glory to God

3. The Punishment to be meted out

- a) The children of Israel who had seen the glory of God were guilty of iniquity
- b) They had kept testing God (ten times)
- c) They had not heeded His voice
- d) They will not see the Promised Land
- e) They will live out their days in the Wilderness
- f) They will perish along the way
- g) This was Divine Justice

MY SERVANT CALEB

But My servant Caleb, because he has a different spirit in him and has followed Me fully, I will bring into the land where he went, and his descendants shall inherit it.

Numbers 14:24

1. Acknowledgment of Caleb

- a) He is called "My servant Caleb"
- b) God regarded him with honour
- c) He had a different spirit
- d) He had a spirit of a servant of God
 - i) Humble
 - ii) Hardworking
 - iii) Faithful
 - iv) This was "a different spirit" from the "common spirit of the Ten Spies"
 - v) He had followed God fully

2. Honouring and Blessing Caleb

- a) God will preserve him
- b) He will bring him into the Promised Land
- c) His descendants would be blessed because of his spirit of faith

CONCLUSION

1. Our challenge is to cultivate our spirit
2. Caleb's spirit is truly worth emulating