

PRAYER MEETING

15 February 2016

Text: Numbers 13:26-33

RETURN OF THE SPIES

1. Back to Moses and Aaron (Numbers 13:26)
2. Congregation of Israel in the Wilderness of Paran, at Kadesh (Numbers 13:26)

REPORT OF THE SPIES

1. Brought back word to them (Moses and Aaron) (Numbers 13:26-29)
2. And to the congregation
3. Report about the land of Canaan by 10 of the spies
 - a) The land truly flows with milk and honey
 - b) Fruit of the land shown (cluster of grapes)
 - c) The cities are fortified
 - d) And huge
4. Report on the people who live in the land
 - a) The people are strong
 - b) Descendants of Anak were there (very tall and strong)
 - c) Amalekites dwell in the South
 - d) Hittites, Jebusites and Amorites dwell in the mountains
 - e) Canaanites dwell by the sea and along the banks of Jordan
5. Protest of Caleb (and Joshua) (Numbers 13:30)
 - a) He sought to quieten the congregation before Moses
 - b) Let us go up at once and take possession
 - c) For we are well able to overcome it

6. The insistence of the 10 spies

(Numbers 13:31-32)

- a) We are not able to go up against the people
- b) They are stronger than we
- c) The land... devours its inhabitants
- d) All the people we saw in it are men of great stature
- e) We saw the giants (the descendants of Anak came from the giants)
- f) We were like grasshoppers in our own sight
- g) And so were we in their sight

WHAT WENT WRONG?

1. A deep sense of fear prevailed

2. A sense of Futility began to settle

- a) They are trapped in the wilderness
- b) They cannot conquer the land

3. Faith in God was missing

- a) Faith in a God who promised Canaan
- b) Faith in a God of great power
- c) Faith in a God who had demonstrated His might in Egypt and in the wilderness