

TORAH, GOD'S INSTRUCTIONS
NUMBERS 13 – THE SPIES ARE SENT OUT TO CANAAN
NUMBERS – 14 – REBELLION OF ISRAEL

Say - Welcome to Sabbath School class. Let's bow our head and ask God for understanding as we continue our study of the book of Numbers. The twelve spies are sent into Canaan; but the Bible tells us "7For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. To day if ye will hear his voice, 8Harden not your heart, as in the provocation (rebellion), and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness: 9When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my work. 10Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said, It is a people that do err in their heart (They had no faith in spite of all they had seen God do for them in coming out of Egypt.), and they have not known my ways: 11Unto whom I swear in my wrath that they should not enter into my rest" Psalm 95:7-11.

God tells His people today through Paul "7Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost (spirit) saith, To day if ye will hear his voice, 8Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation (rebellion), in the day of temptation in the wilderness: 9When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years. 10Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do alway err in their heart (went astray in their hearts); and they have not known my ways (They chose the Broadway which leads to destruction/death.). 11So I swear in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest (Canaan was the Land of Promise but they chose to go their own way not God's way.) (Paul warns the people and it is for us today as well 12Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. 13But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day (before it is too late); lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin (sin weakens our belief in God). 14For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end (We must remain true to God and faithful; for we are called, chosen and baptized and have received His spirit so remain faithful to God.); 15While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation (Disobedience to God's Laws.). 16For some, when they had heard, did provoke (rebelled against God): howbeit not all that came out of Egypt by Moses. 17But with whom was he grieved forty years? was it not with them that had sinned, whose carcasses fell in the wilderness (because they could not enter Canaan)? 18And to whom swear he that they should not enter into his rest (The weekly Sabbath is representative of the Kingdom of God or our Promised Land.), but to them that believed not (They will be resurrected in the 2nd resurrection.)? 19So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief (disobedience)" Hebrews 3:7-19.

Numbers 13

¹And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

²Send thou men, that they may search the land of Canaan, which I give unto the children of Israel: of every tribe of their fathers shall ye send a man, every one a ruler among them.

³And Moses by the commandment of the LORD sent them from the wilderness of Paran: all those men were heads of the children of Israel.

⁴And these were their names: of the tribe of Reuben, Shammua the son of Zaccur.

⁵Of the tribe of Simeon, Shaphat the son of Hori.

⁶Of the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son of Jephunneh.

⁷Of the tribe of Issachar, Igal the son of Joseph.

⁸Of the tribe of Ephraim, Oshea the son of Nun.

⁹Of the tribe of Benjamin, Palti the son of Raphu.

¹⁰Of the tribe of Zebulun, Gaddiel the son of Sodi.

¹¹Of the tribe of Joseph, namely, of the tribe of Manasseh, Gaddi the son of Susi.

¹²Of the tribe of Dan, Ammiel the son of Gemalli.

¹³Of the tribe of Asher, Sethur the son of Michael.

¹⁴Of the tribe of Naphtali, Nahbi the son of Vophsi.

¹⁵Of the tribe of Gad, Geuel the son of Machi.

¹⁶These are the names of the men which Moses sent to spy out the land. And Moses called Oshea the son of Nun Jehoshua.

Say – Moses gave the men instructions from God, see verses 1-2 above; Moses was well satisfied that Canaan was a good land; a land flowing with milk and honey.

¹⁷And Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan, and said unto them, Get you up this way southward, and go up into the mountain:

¹⁸And see the land, what it is, and the people that dwelleth therein, whether they be strong or weak, few or many;

¹⁹And what the land is that they dwell in, whether it be good or bad; and what cities they be that they dwell in, whether in tents, or in strong holds;

²⁰And what the land is, whether it be fat or lean, whether there be wood therein, or not. And be ye of good courage, and bring of the fruit of the land. Now the time was the time of the firstripe grapes.

Say – The spies went up to look at the land of Canaan, verses 21-25.

²¹So they went up, and searched the land from the wilderness of Zin unto Rehob, as men come to Hamath.

²²And they ascended by the south, and came unto Hebron; where Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmi, the children of Anak, were. (Now Hebron was built seven years before Zoan in Egypt.)

²³And they came unto the brook of Eshcol, and cut down from thence a branch with one cluster of grapes, and they bare it between two upon a staff; and they brought of the pomegranates, and of the figs.

²⁴The place was called the brook Eshcol, because of the cluster of grapes which the children of Israel cut down from thence.

²⁵And they returned from searching of the land after forty days (This was number of days of the spying mission.).

Say – Here is the report they brought back to the land of Israel and to Moses and Aaron, verses 26-33. We must remember as God's people that "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not fear". When we fear, we will not be in God's kingdom. They had no trust in God and we must trust Him to lead us the way to the Kingdom of God. The Bible tells us "¹¹Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief. ¹²For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. ¹³Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do" Hebrews 4:11-13.

What about their trust in God? The Bible tells us "²And he said, The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; ³The God of my rock; in him will I trust: he is my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my saviour; thou savest me from violence. ⁴I will call on the LORD, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies" 2 Samuel 22:2-4. "As for **God**, his way is perfect; the word of the LORD is tried: he is a buckler to all them that **trust** in him" 2 Samuel 22:31. Oh that the children of Israel had said the following about God about the land of Canaan, the Promised Land "¹¹In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me" Psalm 56:11.

²¹Therefore the LORD heard this, and was wroth: so a fire was kindled against Jacob, and anger also came up against Israel; ²²Because they believed not in God, and trusted not in his salvation: ²³Though he had commanded the clouds from above, and opened the doors of heaven," Psalm 78:21-23. How is our faith for the "time of trouble to come?"

¹Unto thee, O LORD, do I lift up my soul. ²O my God, **I trust in thee**: let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me. ³Yea, let none that wait on thee be

ashamed: let them be ashamed which transgress without cause. 4Shew me thy ways, O LORD; teach me thy paths. Psalm 25:1-4

6Thy righteousness is like the great mountains; thy judgments are a great deep: O LORD, thou preservest man and beast. 7How excellent is thy lovingkindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings. Psalm 36:6-7.

Say – Back to Numbers 13

26And they went and came to Moses, and to Aaron, and to all the congregation of the children of Israel, unto the wilderness of Paran, to Kadesh; and brought back word unto them, and unto all the congregation, and shewed them the fruit of the land.

27And they told him, and said, We came unto the land whither thou sentest us, and surely it floweth with milk and honey; and this is the fruit of it.

28Nevertheless the people be strong that dwell in the land, and the cities are walled, and very great: and moreover we saw the children of (giant) Anak there. (They do not trust God; Israel believed the Canaanites were stronger than they were. The Bible tells us “25Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men” I Corinthians 1:25. God was stronger and more powerful than all of Canaan and He would be with them; there is nothing too hard or difficult for God. Do we trust God; He has divine power. The Bible tells us “3According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: 4Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.” 2 Peter 13-4.)

May we never forget as God’s people “9But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead: 10Who delivered us from so great a death (2nd death), and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us; 2 Corinthians 1:9-10

Say – Back to Numbers 13

29The Amalekites dwell in the land of the south: and the Hittites, and the Jebusites, and the Amorites, dwell in the mountains: and the Canaanites dwell by the sea, and by the coast of Jordan (God said “ 2And I will send an angel before thee; and I will drive out the Canaanite, the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite: 3Unto a land flowing with milk and honey: for I will not go up in the midst of thee; for thou art a stiffnecked people: lest I consume thee in the way” Exodus 33:2-3.). .

30And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it (Why; because God is with us.).

³¹But the men that went up with him said, We be not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we (The issue was God; they didn't know or trust Him. The Bible tells us ²⁴Yea, they despised the pleasant land, they believed not his word: ²⁵But murmured in their tents, and hearkened not unto the voice of the LORD. ²⁶Therefore he lifted up his hand against them, to overthrow them in the wilderness: ²⁷To overthrow their seed also among the nations, and to scatter them in the lands. ²⁸They joined themselves also unto Baalpeor (see Numbers 25), and ate the sacrifices of the dead" Psalm 106:24-28.).

³²And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search it, is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it are men of a great stature (We can see the works of Satan here and they gave up on God. God tells us be diligent ³⁰When thou art in tribulation, and all these things are come upon thee, even in the latter days, if thou turn to the LORD thy God, and shalt be obedient unto his voice; (For the LORD thy God is a merciful God;) he will not **forsake** thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which he sware unto them" Deuteronomy 4:31).

³³And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.

Numbers 14

¹And all the congregation lifted up their voice, and cried; and the people wept that night. (What kind of people are the Israelite people; they did not sleep all night.)

²And all the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron; and the whole congregation said unto them, Would God that we had died in the land of Egypt! or would God we had died in this wilderness! (Negativism spreads quickly in the camp. God fulfilled this wish as punishment in the wilderness for whatever comes out of our mouth judges us. The Bible tells us ¹Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things. ²But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things. ³And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God?" Romans 2:1-3.)

³And wherefore hath the LORD brought us unto this land, to fall by the sword, that our wives and our children should be a prey? were it not better for us to return into Egypt?

⁴And they said one to another, Let us make a captain, and let us return into Egypt (The Israelites wanted to go back to Egypt giving credit to the spies instead of God; they had forgotten the slavery and bondage of the Egyptians. They would leave the benefits of salvation and go back because of bitterness and in their own mind are convinced that it would be better. ¹⁷And refused to obey, neither were mindful of thy wonders that thou didst among them; but hardened their necks, and in their rebellion appointed a captain to

return to their bondage: but thou art a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and forsookest them not” Nehemiah 9:17.

Sinners are enemies to themselves; instead of enduring until the end for the joy which awaits us; we must do as Christ did and carry our burden. The Bible tells us “And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that shall **endure** unto the end, the same shall be saved” Matthew 10:22.).

⁵Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the children of Israel.

⁶And Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, which were of them that searched the land, rent their clothes (This is an expression of agony saying you have no idea of the curse that will come upon you for lack of faith in God.):

⁷And they spake unto all the company of the children of Israel, saying, The land, which we passed through to search it, is an exceeding good land.

⁸If the LORD delight in us, then he will bring us into this land, and give it us: a land which floweth with milk and honey.

⁹Only rebel not ye against the LORD, neither fear ye the people of the land; for they are bread for us: their defence is departed from them, and the LORD is with us: fear them not. (Because God is with us; their danger was from their mistrust in God. The Israelites were stiff-necked and nothing would change their mind.)

¹⁰But all the congregation bade stone them with stones (The children of Israel were ready to kill Moses and Aaron by stoning them.). And the glory of the LORD appeared in the tabernacle of the congregation before all the children of Israel.

¹¹And the LORD said unto Moses, How long will this people provoke me? and how long will it be ere they believe me, for all the signs which I have shewed among them? (No matter what I do, they will not believe Me. They had no faith and were governed by a different spirit.)

¹²I will smite them with the pestilence, and disinherit them, and will make of thee a greater nation and mightier than they.

¹³And Moses said unto the LORD, Then the Egyptians shall hear it, (for thou broughtest up this people in thy might from among them;) (Moses intercedes, a real true shepherd for he had a good relationship with God. Moses continues below, vs. 14-20.)

¹⁴And they will tell it to the inhabitants of this land: for they have heard that thou LORD art among this people, that thou LORD art seen face to face, and that thy cloud standeth over them, and that thou goest before them, by day time in a pillar of a cloud, and in a pillar of fire by night.

¹⁵Now if thou shalt kill all this people as one man, then the nations which have heard the fame of thee will speak, saying,

¹⁶Because the LORD was not able to bring this people into the land which he swore unto them, therefore he hath slain them in the wilderness.

¹⁷And now, I beseech (pray) thee, let the power of my lord be great, according as thou hast spoken, saying,

(Moses reminded God of His nature.) ¹⁸The LORD is longsuffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation.

¹⁹Pardon, I beseech (pray) thee, the iniquity of this people according unto the greatness of thy mercy, and as thou hast forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now.

²⁰And the LORD said, I have pardoned according to thy word: (God said he would forgive them but they will be punished.)

²¹But as truly as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD.

²²Because all those men which have seen my glory, and my miracles, which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have tempted me now these ten times (means many times), and have not hearkened to my voice;

²³Surely they shall not see the land which I swore unto their fathers (brought on by lack of faith), neither shall any of them that provoked me see it: (If we despise God, He will despise us and the opposite is true if we love Him, He will love us.)

²⁴But my servant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and hath followed me fully, him will I bring into the land whereinto he went; and his seed shall possess it. (Caleb is the one who will receive grace from God.)

²⁵(Now the Amalekites and the Canaanites dwelt in the valley (A preparatory statement of what is coming).) Tomorrow turn you, and get you into the wilderness by the way of the Red sea.

²⁶And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,

²⁷How long shall I bear with this evil congregation, which murmur against me? I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel, which they murmur against me.

²⁸Say unto them, As truly as I live, saith the LORD, as ye have spoken in mine ears, so will I do to you: (You said oh that we died in the wilderness so your words are your judgment.)

²⁹Your carcasses shall fall in this wilderness; and all that were numbered of you, according to your whole number, from twenty years old and upward which have murmured against me.

³⁰Doubtless ye shall not come into the land, concerning which I sware to make you dwell therein, save Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun.

(In contrast) ³¹But your little ones, which ye said should be a prey, them will I bring in, and they shall know the land which ye have despised (When we reject the birthright they found no room for repentance; it was too late to say they were sorry.).

³²But as for you, your carcasses, they shall fall in this wilderness.

(The verdict) ³³And your children shall wander in the wilderness forty years, and bear your whoredoms, until your carcasses be wasted in the wilderness a (Your children will suffer because of you for 40 years.). ³⁴After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, even forty days, each day for a year, shall ye bear your iniquities, even forty years, and ye shall know my breach (My displeasure) of promise. (Grace is not cheap – once saved is a false doctrine.)

³⁵I the LORD have said, I will surely do it unto all this evil congregation, that are gathered together against me: in this wilderness they shall be consumed, and there they shall die.

³⁶And the men, which Moses sent to search the land, who returned, and made all the congregation to murmur against him, by bringing up a slander upon the land, (If we depart from Him; there is no reward, no grace.)

³⁷Even those men that did bring up the evil report upon the land, died by the plague before the LORD.

³⁸But Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, which were of the men that went to search the land, lived still.

³⁹And Moses told these sayings unto all the children of Israel: and the people mourned greatly (Moses told the Israelites the message that they would wander in the wilderness for 40 years; God had shut the door. Just like people today if they do not change; they wander all their life in a materialistic world.)

Say – Now the Israelites try to enter the Promised Land on their own.

(The Israelites changed their mind; they were going to be good but it was too late.) ⁴⁰And they rose up early in the morning, and gat them up into the top of the mountain, saying, Lo, we be here, and will go up unto the place which the LORD hath promised: for we have sinned.

⁴¹And Moses said, Wherefore now do ye transgress the commandment of the LORD? but it shall not prosper.

⁴²Go not up, for the LORD is not among you; that ye be not smitten before your enemies (Now obedience becomes a transgression because when God told them to enter the Promised Land they said no and now when they want to do it; God says no. We want to call the shots instead of God.)

⁴³For the Amalekites and the Canaanites are there before you, and ye shall fall by the sword: because ye are turned away from the LORD, therefore the LORD will not be with you. (When the cloud was moving they were not with God for they were rebellious.)

⁴⁴But they presumed to go up unto the hill top: nevertheless the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and Moses, departed not out of the camp (They were to follow the Cloud and Moses, not the other way around.).

⁴⁵Then the Amalekites came down, and the Canaanites which dwelt in that hill, and smote them, and discomfited them, even unto Hormah (“Hormah” means destruction; if they are not going to listen to God they will be destroyed. The two witnesses at the end time will warn the entire world and if they don’t repent they will be destroyed as well.).

MEMORY VERSE

²And he said, The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer;
³The God of my rock; in him will I **trust**: he is my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my **saviour**; thou savest me from violence.

2 Samuel 22:2-3

BELOW IS THE SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON FOR TOTS

THE ISRAELITES DID NOT TRUST GOD EVEN THOUGH HE WAS WITH THEM. THEY HAD SEEN SO MANY MIRACLES COMING OUT OF EGYPT BUT STILL THEY DID NOT TRUST GOD

GOD SPOKE TO MOSES "SEND MEN THAT THEY MAY SEARCH THE LAND OF CANAAN WHICH I GIVE TO THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL. MOSES BY THE COMMANDMENT OF THE LORD SENT ONE MAN FROM EACH TRIBE OF ISRAEL. (Remember there were 12 tribes.)

MOSES SENT THE 12 MEN TO SPY OUT THE LAND OF CANAAN AND FIND OUT IF THE PEOPLE WERE STRONG OR WEAK OR FEW OR MANY. ALSO FIND OUT IF THE LAND THEY DWELL IN BE GOOD OR BAD; IT WAS THE TIME OF YEAR OF THE FIRSTRIPE GRAPES. THEY CUT DOWN ONE CLUSTER OF GRAPES AND BROUGHT POMEGRANATES AND FIGS BACK A PLENTY.

THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL REBELLED AT THE SPIES REPORT BECAUSE THEY DID NOT TRUST GOD TO LEAD THEM. THE SPIES SEARCHED THE LAND FOR FORTY DAYS TO SHOW THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL THE FRUIT OF THE LAND AND SURELY THE LAND DOES FLOW WITH MILK AND HONEY FOR THIS IS THE FRUIT OF THE LAND.

THE SPIES SAID THE PEOPLE BE STRONG THAT DWELL IN THE LAND CANAAN AND WE SAW GIANTS BUT SO WHAT IF GOD IS WITH US. THE SPIES SAID THE AMALEKITES DWELL IN THE LAND, THE HITITES AND THE JUBUSITES AND THE AMORITES AND THE CANAANITES DWELL BY THE SEA.

CALEB FROM THE TRIBE OF JUDAH STILLED THE PEOPLE AND SAID LET US GO UP AT ONCE AND POSSESS THE LAND FOR WE ARE ABLE TO OVERCOME THE PEOPLE BECAUSE GOD IS WITH US. THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL SAID WE ARE NOT ABLE TO GO UP AGAINST THE PEOPLE FOR THEY ARE STRONGER THAN WE ARE. THEIR PROBLEM WAS GOD WHO WAS LEADING THEM TO THE PROMISED LAND. THEY DID NOT KNOW HIM OR TRUST HIM IN SPITE OF ALL THE MIRACLES THEY HAD SEEN COMING OUT OF EGYPT!

WE CAN SEE THE HAND OF SATAN AT WORK WITH THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL BUT GOD SAYS BE DILIGENT, DON'T GIVE UP FOR I WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU OR FORSAKE YOU.

THE BIBLE TELLS US "WHEN THOU ART IN TRIBULATION, AND ALL THESE THINGS ARE COME UPON THEE, EVEN IN THE LATTER DAYS, IF THOU TURN TO THE LORD THY GOD, AND SHALL BE OBEDIENT UNTO HIS VOICE; (FOR THE LORD THY GOD IS A MERCIFUL GOD;) HE WILL NOT FORSAKE THEE, NEITHER DESTROY THEE, NOR FORGET THE COVENANT (agreement) OF THEY FATHERS (Abraham, Isaac and Jacob) WHICH HE SWEAR UNTO THEM." Deuteronomy 4:31

THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL SAID "LET US RETURN UNTO EGYPT; THEY WOULD LEAVE THE BENEFITS OF SALVATION AND GO BACK BECAUSE OF BITTERNESS AND IN THEIR OWN MIND THEY WERE CONVINCED. THE BIBLE TELLS US "YES, THEY DESPISED THE PLEASANT LAND, THEY BELIEVED NOT HIS WORD: BUT MURMURED IN THEIR TENTS, AND HEARKENED NOT UNTO THE VOICE OF THE LORD" Psalm 106:24-25

CHILDREN WE MUST ENDURE UNTIL THE END FOR THE JOY WHICH AWAITS US AND JUST AS CHRIST, WE HAVE TO CARRY OUR BURDEN TO THE END OF TIME AS GOD LEADS US TO THE KINGDOM OF GOD - OUR PROMISED LAND. JESUS TELLS US "AND YE SHALL BE HATED OF ALL MEN FOR MY NAME'S SAKE: BUT HE THAT SHALL ENDURE UNTIL THE END, THE SAME SHALL BE SAVED" Matthew 10:22

JOSHUA AND CALEB WHICH WERE OF THEM THAT SEARCHED THE LAND, RENT THEIR CLOTHES. IT WAS AN EXPRESSION OF AGONY SAYING YOU HAVE NO IDEA THE CURSE GOD WILL SEND ON YOU BECAUSE OF YOUR LACK OF FAITH.

GOD SAID UNTO MOSES, "HOW LONG WILL THE PEOPLE PROVOKE ME FOR NO MATTER WHAT I DO THEY DO NOT BELIEVE ME AND HAVE NO FAITH IN ME. GOD SAID, "I WILL SMITE THEM WITH PESTILENCE AND DISINHERIT THEM AND I WILL MAKE A GREATER NATION AND MIGHTIER THAN THEY.

MOSES INTERCEDES FOR THE PEOPLE FOR HE WAS A TRUE SHEPHERD AND HAD A GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.

MOSES SAID TO GOD "THE EGYPTIANS SHALL HEAR IT FOR YOU BROUGHT UP THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL FROM AMONG THEM".

MOSES SAID, "THEY KNOW YOU ARE AMONG THE PEOPLE AND THAT THY

CLOUD STANDETH OVER THEM BY DAY A PILLAR OF FIRE BY NIGHT.

MOSES CONTINUED, "IF YOU KILL ALL THE PEOPLE THE EGYPTIANS WILL SAY BECAUSE THE LORD WAS NOT ABLE TO BRING THE PEOPLE INTO THE LAND WHICH HE SWARE UNTO THEM" NOW I PRAY LET THE POWER OF MY LORD BE GREAT. FOR THE LORD IS LONGSUFFERING AND OF GREAT MERCY. PARDON, I PRAY THEE THE INIQUITY OF THIS PEOPLE ACCORDING UNTO THY MERCY AS THOU HAST FORGIVEN THIS PEOPLE, FROM EGYPT UNTIL NOW.

GOD SAID TO MOSES, "I HAVE PARDONED ACCORDING TO THY WORD... ALL OF THESE MEN HAVE SEEN MY GLORY AND MY MIRACLES WHICH I DID IN EGYPT AND IN THE WILDERNESS AND THEY HAVE TEMPTED ME MANY TIMES AND HAVE NOT LISTENED TO MY VOICE. I WILL FORGIVE THEM BUT THEY WILL BE PUNISHED.

GOD SAID, "THEY SHALL NOT SEE THE PROMISED LAND OF CANAAN WHICH I SWEAR UNTO THEIR FATHERS BECAUSE OF LACK OF FAITH AND TRUST IN ME.

MY SERVANT CALEB AND JOSHUA HAVE FOLLOWED ME FULL, HIM WILL I BRING INTO THE LAND AND HIS SEED (descendents) SHALL POSSESS THE LAND.

SAY UNTO THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL "AS TRULY AS I LIVE SAITH THE LORD AS YOU HAVE SPOKEN IN MY EARS SO WILL I DO TO YOU".

THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL SAID AND GOD HEARD WHAT THEY SAID "OH THAT WE DIE IN THE WILDERNESS SO YOUR WORDS ARE YOUR JUDGMENT. YOUR CARCASES SHALL FALL IN THIS WILDERNESS FROM 20 YEARS OLD AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE MURMURERED AGAINST ME.

"BUT YOU LITTLE ONES WILL I BRING IN AND THEY SHALL KNOW THE LAND WHICH YOU DESPISED.

BUT AS FOR YOU YOUR CARCASES SHALL FALL IN THE WILDERNESS AND YOUR CHILDREN SHALL WANDER IN THE WILDERNESS FOR FORTY YEARS... AFTER THE NUMBER OF DAYS YOU SEARCHED CANAAN OF FORTY DAYS, EACH DAY FOR A YEAR, SHALL YOU BEAR YOUR INIQUITIES AND YOU SHALL KNOW MY DISPLEASURE OF PROMISE."

GOD HAD SHUT THE DOOR TO THE PROMISED LAND OF CANAAN. THEN THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL TRIED TO ENTER THE PROMISED LAND OF CANAAN ON THEIR OWN. THEY HAD CHANGED THEIR MIND BUT IT WAS TOO LATE.

MOSES TOLD THE PEOPLE "GO NOT UP FOR THE LORD IS NOT AMONG YOU... FOR THE AMALIKITES AND CANAANITES ARE THERE BEFORE YOU AND YOU SHALL FALL BY THE SWORD, BE-CAUSE YOU HAVE TURNED AWAY FOR THE LORD, THEREFORE THE LORD WILL NOT BE WITH YOU. MOSES DEPARTED OUT OF THE CAMP.

JUST AS PEOPLE TODAY, IF THEY DO NOT CHANGE, THEY WANDER ALL THEIR LIFE IN A MATERIALISTIC WORLD AND GOD WILL SHUT THE DOOR AGAIN.

WHY DID THE ISRAELITES NOT TRUST IN GOD? THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL HAD TAKEN THE BROADWAY WHICH LEADS TO DESTRUCTION OR DEATH - WE MUST TAKE THE STRAIT AND NARROW WAY WITH CHRIST AS OUR GOOD SHEPHERD, TO ENTER INTO THE KINGDOM OF GOD WHICH IS OUR PROMISED LAND.

THE BIBLE TELLS US "ENTER YE IN AT THE STRAIT GATE: FOR WIDE IS THE GATE, AND BROAD IS THE WAY, THAT LEADETH TO DESTRUCTION, AND MANY THERE BE WHICH GO IN THEREAT: BECAUSE STRAIT IS THE GATE, AND NARROW IS THE WAY, WHICH LEADETH UNTO LIFE, AND FEW THERE BE THAT FIND IT. BEWARE OF FALSE PROPHETS, WHICH COME TO YOU IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING, BUT INWARDLY THEY ARE RAVENING WOLVES."

Matthew 7:13-15

BELOW ARE SOME VERSES ABOUT TRUSTING GOD TO THE END OF
TIME

"AND HE SAID, THE LORD IS MY ROCK, AND MY FORTRESS, AND MY DELIVERER, THE GOD OF MY ROCK; IN HIM WILL I TRUST" HE IS MY SHIELD, AND THE HORN OF MY SALVATION, MY HIGH TOWER, AND MY REFUGE, **MY SAVIOUR**; THOU SAVEST ME FROM VIOLENCE. I WILL CALL ON THE LORD, WHO IS WORTHY TO BE PRAISED: SO SHALL I BE SAVED FROM MINE ENEMIES"

2 SAMUEL 22:2-4

"IN GOD HAVE I PUT MY TRUST: I WILL NOT BE AFRAID WHAT MAN CAN DO UNTO ME" (If the children of Israel had said this about God going into the Promised Land of Canaan it would have been a different outcome.)

PSALM 56:11

"THEREFORE THE LORD HEARD THIS, AND WAS WROTH: SO A FIRE WAS KINDLED AGAINST JACOB (who became Israel) AND ANGER ALSO CAME UP AGAINST ISRAEL; BECAUSE THEY BELIEVED NOT IN GOD, AND TRUSTED NOT IN HIS SALVATION: THOUGH HE HAD COMMANDED THE CLOUDS FROM ABOVE, AND OPENED THE DOORS OF HEAVEN"

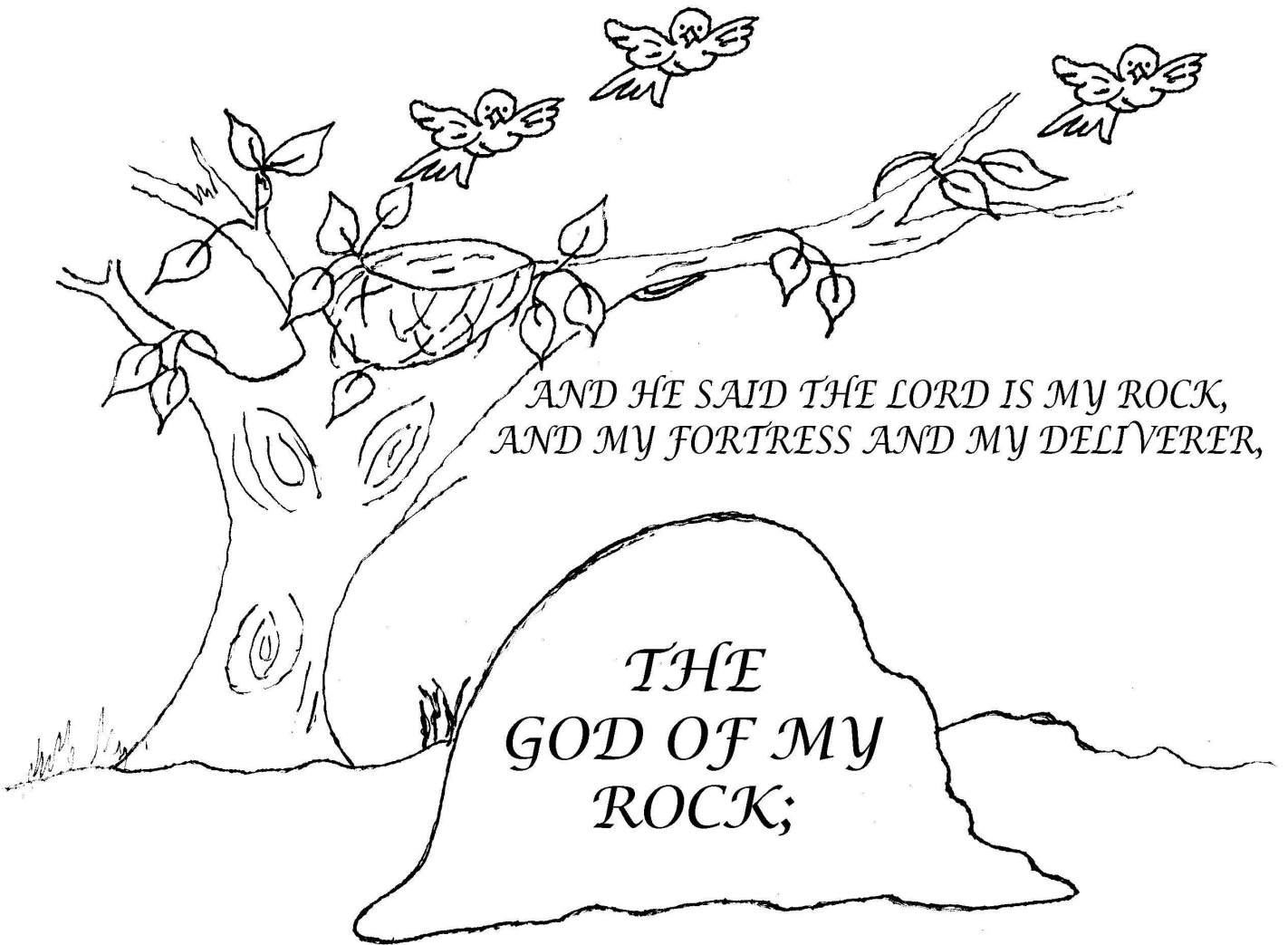
PSALM 78:21-23

UNTO THEE, O LORD, DO I LIFT UP MY SOUL. O MY GOD, I TRUST IN THEE: LET ME NOT BE ASHAMED, LET NOT MINE ENEMIES TRIUMPH OVER ME. YEA, LET NONE THAT WAIT ON THEE BE ASHAMED: LET THEM BE ASHAMED WHICH TRANSGRESS (sin) WITHOUT CAUSE. **SHEW ME THY WAYS, O LORD; TEACH ME THY PATHS.** (The "Path of life" are God's holy days.)

PSALM 25:1-4

THEY RIGHTEOUSNESS IS LIKE THE GREAT MOUNTAINS; THY JUDGMENTS ARE A GREAT DEEP: O LORD, THOU PRESERVEST MAN AND BEAST. HOW EXCELLENT IS THY LOVING KINDNESS, O GOD! THEREFORE THE CHILDREN OF MEN PUT THEIR TRUST UNDER THE SHADOW OF THY WINGS.

PSALM 36:6-7



*AND HE SAID THE LORD IS MY ROCK,
AND MY FORTRESS AND MY DELIVERER,*

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GOD OF MY
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OF MY SALVATION, MY HIGH TOWER AND MY
REFUGE, MY SAVIOR; THOU SAVEST ME FROM VIOLENCE.*

2 SAMUEL 22:2-3