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By God's grace and help, we want to look at a few Scriptures. We've talked about the New Testament in the New Testament. We've talked about the Old Testament and what came before me was a verse in Romans, Romans chapter 15. Romans chapter 15 and verse four for whatsoever things were written before time were written for our learning that we through patience. And comfort of the scriptures might have hope. That takes in the Old Testament to isn't it? It's a word of God, God's written word. And as we've already talked a little bit about the Old Testament, the children of Israel, they had a few thoughts brought before me. Concerning. Us here today. The young people, the older people, the middle-aged, everyone of us, the children. Let's look in Exodus chapter 3, the children of Israel, there were many lessons to be learned as we follow their pathway. And it's been very touching to my own soul and exercise to my own soul that I might trust wholly in the Lord for my life down here, the children of Israel. Chosen people, God's chosen people. And we're chosen too, aren't we? Were chosen in him before the foundation of the world. What a portion that is to just lay hold of, meditate upon. Chosen him before the foundation of the world. Why did he choose me? Why did he choose you? Nothing good in me, but God loved you and God loved me and God wanted to bless us, to bring us in the blessing, not for only time. But for all eternity. And so we read here concerning the children of Israel in chapter 3. And starting with verse seven. And the Lord said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people. Which are in Egypt, and I've heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows. And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land, onto a good land, and a large onto a land flowing with milk and honey. And on to the place, the Canaanites, the Hittites, Amorites, the Parasites, the Hiveites and the Jebusites. Now, therefore, behold the cry of the children of Israel, and I have also. Seen the oppression, where in the Egyptians oppress them. Come now therefore, and I will send them unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt. Oh, isn't it wonderful? Here they were, sorrowing, suffering from the hands of Egyptians, their taskmasters. But here's a word from God that he was going to bring them out, He said. I will. I've seen your affliction. I've seen what you're going through. And I'm hearing and I'm going to bring you out onto a land flow with milk and honey. That's a promise of God to them. Well, let's turn over to numbers. We know that here afterwards Farrell would not let them go in between this time, but God made him let them go. He made him willing to let them go. So Numbers chapter 13. We're not read all of the chapter for for times sake. Numbers 13 verse one. And the Lord speaking to Moses, saying, Send thou men, that they may search the land of Canaan, which I give another show of Israel, of every tribe of their fathers, shall you send a man, everyone a ruler among them? And Moses by the commandment of the Lord sent them from the wilderness of Paran. All those men were heads of the children Israel. And so everyone from every tribe were picked. And we see that in verse 17. Now Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan, and said to them, get you up this way southward and go up into the mountain. And see the land what it is, and the people that dwelleth therein, whether they be strong or weak, few or many. And 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 strongholds. And what the land is, whether it be fat or lean, whether it be wood they're in or not. And be of good courage, and bring her the fruit of the land. Now the time was the time of the first ripe grapes. So they went up and searched the land for the wilderness of sin unto rehab as men come to Haman.

And they ascended by the South, came to Hebron, and so forth. Verse 23 And they came under the brook of Esco, and cut down from thence a branch with one cluster of grapes, and they bear it between two upon a staff. And they brought of the pomegranates and of the figs. The place was called the brook Esco, because of the cluster of grapes with the children of Israel cut down from them. Well, here they are told to spy out the land. And so they go forward and they come to the vineyard and hear this great large cluster of grapes. They cut it down and they brought it. And they returned in verse 25 from the searching of the land after 40 days. And they went and came to Moses and Aaron, and all the congregation of the children of Israel under the wilderness apparent Kadish. And brought back word unto them, unto all the congregation, and showed them the fruit of the land. And they told him, and said, We came up, came unto the land without, sentenced us, and surely it flowed with milk and honey, and this is the fruit of it. They saw it, didn't they? We just had it brought before us about the milk and honey from my brother. And they went, and they saw this wonderful land that God had told him about. What was the answer? Verse 28? Nevertheless, the people be strong that dwell in the land, and the cities are walled and very great. And more we saw the children of Anak there. Giants. Giants of the land. They got their eyes off looking around. God said he would bring them into that land God had promised them. Nevertheless, they look around, they see all these obstacles. In the way. And don't we do that sometimes? Oh, how sad. Sometimes we obstacles abroad before us by the enemy. And we forget for a moment what God can do and what God has done in our lives, how He's redeemed us as His precious blood at such a cost. Well, here the people look, and not only that. Verse 29. The Amalekites dwell in the land of the South, the high tides, the Jebusites, the Amorites dwell in the mountains, and the Canaanites dwell with the sea and the coast of Jordan. Oh, what a confusion. All of these enemies, they were in the mountains, they were down, they were here, they were there, they were all around. Children of giants, the great large giants, they were afraid. They looked around. Oh, God wants us to look up. Look up to the Son of God. Who can do all things well? Oh, in verse 30 we see Caleb still the people before Moses and said, let us go up at once and possess it, for we are well able to overcome it. How was he well able? Was he counting upon his strength? God had told him that he would bring them into that land. And he believed God, you know, he came out of came out there from in that wilderness. Joshua and Caleb, they came out later on in that wilderness. They were the only two that were alive, that were older, that came out alive because they believe God. He says we are able to overcome it. Oh how sad to read the 31st verse. But the men went that went up with him said We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we. All beloved, were weaker than water spill on the ground that cannot be gathered up. We cannot trust ourselves, we trust in the Lord. We saw it and pound us and brought it to himself. Our strength is in the name of the Lord. How sad the enemy came in. And it's sad to see that they said we're not able, Caleb said. We are able. When God is in it, everything goes well. If God be for us, who can be against us? Oh, isn't it wonderful?

Here it is brought before him, the man of God, Caleb said. We are well able. Verse 32. And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched under the tomb of Israel, saying, The land through which we have gone to search it, it is a land that eateth up inhabitants thereof. And all the people that we saw in it are men of a great stature. And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come out of the giants. And we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, so we were in, so we were in their sight. You know. When you think about it. They had no power within themselves. They said we're not able no power themselves, but Caleb said we are able because. He trusted in the Word of God. You trust in the Word of God. You know we're living in a day where many are giving up. Throwing up their hands and saying what's the use? Oh dear young people, and each one of us. If God be for us, who can be against us? We have the power of God. We who know the Lord Jesus our Savior have the Spirit of God indwelling in US. And we can go forward in that power. Not my own, not your own. But it's the power of God, and so I urge you to trust in the living God. My dear brother, one time he said, spread it before the Lord, or spread it all out before the Lord, and tell the Lord your weakness. And your need of help. And he'll help you. And you'll be strong. You'll be an overcomer. Here. They fell short because they were looking at the man men. They're the giants, and they forgot what God had said. Caleb told them were we are well able. Caleb stressed that before them Caleb did. And they were, because God could take them through. But. The enemy is subtle and he sneaks in and he works in our hearts so quickly and it's unbelief. And that's why they couldn't come into the land. You know, they were only 11 days journey to Canaan, 11 days. 40 years it took them to get to that point. Because of unbelief. And that's all. We lose all of our blessings because of unbelief. And I have to point to myself. On loose I lose blessings of the Lord because of unbelief. Oh, may we trust the Lord fully. May I trust the Lord fully because what the Lord Jesus says he will do. Well, just another quick verse or time is almost gone then Joshua. Chapter One. Moses had died in the wilderness and now Joshua was going to leave, lead them into Canaan's land. Verse one Joshua 11 Now after the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, it came to pass that the Lord spake unto Joshua the son of Nun Moses minister saying. Moses, my servant is dead. Now therefore rise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, and the land which I do give to them, even to the children, Israel, every place that the sole of your foot shall tread, upon, that have I given you, as I said unto Moses. Now down in verse six, Be strong and have a good courage. For unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance of land which I swear to their fathers to give them. Only be thou strong. And courageous. Only be thou strong and courageous. Where were they going to get their strength? From the Lord, Joshua was going to be their leader. And so they were given a word of encouragement there to be strong and very courageous. Well, you know, the blessing of the Lord make the rich, and he has no sorrow to it. We read that in Proverbs 10/22. And that's what the Lord wants to do to every one of us in this audience today. He wants to bless us.

He wants to bless us. Do you want the blessing of the Lord, or do you want sorrow in your life? It's up to you, dear one. It's up to you to humble yourself. It's up to me to humble myself. Take that low place. Of nothingness and trust the Lord Jesus, who is everything. If God be for us, who can be against us? If God before us, who can be against us? You know, we're living in trying days now and it's not going to get any better. The Lord's coming is perhaps even yet today. We're looking for him, aren't we? But if the Lord should leave us here a little longer, it's not going to get any better. What are we going to do with our life? Are we going to listen to the enemy, the giants of this world, those that would try to pull us down? We are going to listen to the Lord Jesus Christ our Savior in heaven. And live for him. You know, when I was growing up in my home, we had one little. Verse It wasn't a plaque. But it said only one light will soon be passed. Only what's done for Christ will last. What are you doing for Christ today? What am I doing for Christ? It exercises my heart. This is the word of God, and it should exercise each heart. It's not my words, it's God Word, God's word. We have only one life to live. Are we living for self? Are we living for the Lord Jesus Christ, the one who bought us with this precious blood? The cost in those hours of darkness? Well. That's a little that I had laid on my heart. This afternoon as these other thoughts were brought about with the two other brothers from the Word of God. Because it's from the word of God. So let's trust him holy. Let's receive the blessing the Lord has for us. Because He blesses us richly. He wants to bless us, He wants us to live for Him. Shine for him while we wait for his coming. Oh, may I do that, May you do that, that we might receive the blessing of the Lord with no sorrow added.

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