



BISHOP FELTON HAWKINS

KINGDOM COMMUNITY WITH A PROMISE

JOIN US SUNDAY 10 AM & TUESDAY 7 PM

LIVE STREAM via FACEBOOK:

@FULLGOSPELKINGDOM

Subscribe to Youtube Channel:

Bishop Felton Hawkins TV

Numbers 13:25-33

25 And they returned from searching of the land after forty days.

26 And 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.

27 And 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.

Numbers 13:25-33

28 Nevertheless the people be strong that dwell in the land, and the cities are walled, and very great: and moreover we saw the children of Anak there.

29 The 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.

30 And 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.

Numbers 13:25-33

31 But the men that went up with him said, We be not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we.

32 And 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.

33 And 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.

- 
- We all know by now that the children of Israel are now at the door of the opportunity that God has promised them. That opportunity was to have their own land, a land that is fertile, rich and so much future for them.
 - We have no doubt that God has given them access to the land. The Lord promised Moses that he would go with them and give them favor.
 - Here we see the mindset of those who lead the community, being a major factor in the decisions that will be made when they get back.

- 
- Once again, the success or failure of the community at this point is settled based on the way the leaders of the community perceive the opportunity that is before them.
 - The issue is not what they see, it how they see it and what they base their opinion on.
 - Community rises and falls on the shoulders of leadership. Even though there are leaders that stand in agreement with God, there are more who come back with doubt and unbelief that is infectious when it comes to God's people.

Hebrews 3:12-19

12 Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.

13 But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

14 For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end;

15 While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation.

16 For some, when they had heard, did provoke: howbeit not all that came out of Egypt by Moses.

Hebrews 3:12-19

17 But with whom was he grieved forty years? was it not with them that had sinned, whose carcasses fell in the wilderness?

18 And to whom swore he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not?

19 So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.

Lamentation by the People (Num. 13:26–33-14:10)

A. The report of the scouts (Num. 13:26–33; 14:6–10)

1. The faithless report of the ten (Num. 13:26–33): “The people living there are powerful, and their cities and towns are fortified and very large.... We even saw giants there, the descendants of Anak. We felt like grasshoppers next to them, and that’s what we looked like to them!”

2. The faithful report of the two (Num. 14:6–10): “The land we explored is a wonderful land! And if the Lord is pleased with us, he will bring us safely into that land and give it to us.... Do not rebel against the Lord, and don’t be afraid of the people of the land.... They have no protection, but the Lord is with us!”

B. The reaction of the crowd (Num. 14:1–5): Upon hearing the report of the ten scouts, the people become worried and make plans to return to Egypt.

The Supplication (Prayer) by the Prophet (Num. 14:11–21)

- A. **The proposition** (Num. 14:11–12): The Lord becomes angry with the Israelites and says to Moses, “I will disown them and destroy them with a plague. Then I will make you into a nation far greater and mightier than they are!”
- B. **The plea** (Num. 14:13–19): Moses begs the Lord to pardon Israel, lest the pagans say, “The Lord was not able to bring them into the land he swore to give them, so he killed them in the wilderness.”

- C. **The pardon** (Num. 14:20–21): The Lord forgives his people, although there will still be consequences.
- D. **The profaner of the Sabbath** (Num. 15:32–36): A man is stoned to death for disobeying God's law by gathering wood on the Sabbath.

Willmington, H. L. (1999). *The Outline Bible* (Nu 14:1–21). Wheaton, IL: Tyndale House Publisher.

Number 16:1-2

1 Now Korah, the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, and Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, and On, the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben, took men:

2 And they rose up before Moses, with certain of the children of Israel, two hundred and fifty princes of the assembly, famous in the congregation, men of renown:

- 
- This is one of the clearest presentations of why Israel ended up spending forty years in the wilderness.
 - The issue is not just the fact that these were leaders, but the Bible reads they were princes, famous, and men of renown.
 - The community continues to be fragile and fragmented because of the divisive ranks within Moses' leadership.

Hebrews 4:1-3

1 Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.

2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.

3 For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.

- The writer gives us the key once again, challenging us as it relates to the promise of God.
- The promise of God comes with challenges.
- The promise of God comes with test.
- The promise of God comes with opposition.
- Every community has a promise over it.
- God gives us the promise but we need to marry the promise to our faith.
- The promise of God has to be infused with faith that comes from the preaching of the gospel.
- God keeps his promise but can we keep the faith?

Luke 18:7-8

7 And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?

8 I tell you that he will avenge them speedily.

Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?

B. The presumptuous Korah (Num. 16:1–50)

1. Korah's accusation (Num. 16:1–3, 13–14): Korah and a group of rebellious Israelites accuse Moses of the following:
 - a. he is a dictator;
 - b. he has brought the Israelites into the wilderness to kill them;
 - c. he has been unable to bring them into the Promised Land.

- 
2. Moses' answer (Num. 16:4–12, 15–30)
 - a. To the rebels (Num. 16:4–12, 15–22): Moses tells the rebels to show up the next day at the Tabernacle entrance with their incense burners. Then the Lord will show them who is holy and set apart for him.
 - b. To the rest (Num. 16:23–30): Moses warns the people to stay clear of the troublemakers if they want to continue living.

- 
3. The Lord's anger (Num. 16:31–50)
 - a. At the ringleaders (Num. 16:31–40): The very ground where they are standing opens up and swallows them alive! Fire blazes from the Lord and burns up Korah's followers who are offering incense.
 - b. At the rest (Num. 16:41–50)
 - (1) The rebellion (Num. 16:41–42): The next morning people confront Moses and Aaron, saying, “You two have killed the Lord's people!”

- (2) The response (Num. 16:43–46): The Lord sends a plague on the people to destroy them.
- (3) The rescue (Num. 16:47–50): Aaron burns incense and makes atonement for the people in order to stop the plague. Before it stops, 14,700 Israelites die.

C. The people of Edom (Num. 20:14–22): The Israelites ask the Edomites if they can pass through their land quickly and peacefully. The Edomites refuse, despite the fact that they are descended from Jacob's twin brother, Esau.

Willmington, H. L. (1999). *The Outline Bible* (Nu 15:32–30:16). Wheaton, IL: Tyndale House Publishers.