

Jesus' strength to help us to stand and be strong against the wiles of the Devil and whatever else that can bane or bother our walk of faith. Jesus is continually interceding. We have the gift of the Holy Spirit, the power and authority to forgive sins, and to live a life pleasing to God.

As I conclude let me remind you that for the Children of Israel the Promised Land God was given to them, even though there were people living in the land. There are also barriers and people blocking our paths to God's kingdom. Yet God told them to go and possess it, for he will do the fighting for us. In your own lives where you could not cope in your own strength to get through

a battle which could take many forms; i.e. hard times, financial woes, family turmoil, etc, wasn't it God who got you through it.

On the other hand you would have experienced a time where God has been distant and absent from your life, especially when you needed him. But this would be due to the way he answers us, yes, no or later on! Yet through these times of doubt God is always near to those who love him.

God loves you and me and he has prepared a place for us to take us into his heavenly homeland when our lives are through on this earth. For us the Promised Land is the Kingdom of God, where we can go to claim people for the

kingdom of God, expanding the influence of Jesus into people's lives. Let us put our trust in God to go forth and do this. Amen.

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TRUST IN GOD.

TEXT: NUMBERS 13: 26-14: 11.

Communicating with so easy to trust in God Pastor Tim over the last week or so, as he invited me down to preach this week, he told me that you have been going through the Old Testament stories and the theme of 'Trusting in God and taking him at his word', just as God did with his chosen people of old.

I don't want to re-invent the wheel with this question, but, is it easy to 'trust in God and take him at his word?' As you ponder over this question, the idea behind it, is to get each and everyone of us to look deep inside ourselves, to re-examine ourselves once again, as to whether we truly trust in God, or are just

giving lip service and going through the motions!

By the way, I'm sure we'd all agree that it is

He does his best to trouble our lives and to fill it with doubt. And as I just alluded to, we also have to contend with our flesh which could spoil our relationship with God. Yet, we are all aware that Satan is fairly successful in doing his job. The Devil is full of smoke and mirrors, illusions, mind-games and such; he offers a lot but he has no substance, yet people who aren't tuned into God, they like what they hear from him, and they crave after all the falsehoods he offers them, which turns out to be nothing at all in the end.

The tragic thing about this scenario is that it is actually happening out there in the world, and furthermore whilst people crave after what he offers, they may lose their souls

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And so we now tread carefully to see what here is its fruit [v 27]! So, the word doubt, what causes people to doubt. What presses your button to cause you to doubt, if ever? It's a broad question but let's take a look at that word in a national sense. Politics and the government could be a big concern for doubts at the moment. If you can recall that the whole country of Australia went to the polls recently, and the end result was a deadlock, because no major political party won decisively in their own

flow of milk and honey, And as the conversation focus on the inhabitants of the land and its various peoples, then the mood of the people starts to swing towards doubt, melancholy and sadness. And just on that point, isn't that the same with us, when we are on a high, when we begin to think, this is too good to be true, and if it is, then it most probably isn't; and so we start looking at the dangers that could befall us, for no reason at all?

Do you trust and believe in God?

Our lesson for today reminds us; that God's people are travelling through the desert [the great exodus from Egypt] and are about to reach the Promised Land which has been promised to them; and at first, the spies are sent in to go and survey

Don't get me wrong, it is the sensible thing to do, but when God commands us to do something; then we should listen and obey in complete submission to him. If God is in the equation of our lives then keep tuned in to him. In his wisdom he

knows what is best for us; it is not for us to decide what is best for us when he promises he will take care of us. When we turn inwardly our decisions could come back to haunt us if we don't die in the process.

Caleb, was obviously a man of faith and conviction, he spoke up that they certainly could take the land [v 30], but the other men with him said they shouldn't because

God has a place for you!

these people were bigger and stronger than they were [v 32]. They obviously had their eyes off the Lord God Almighty and what he could do for them. In their own flesh, ability and strength they doubted because they knew they could not overcome the huge obstacles and barriers standing before them. We'd feel the same way, but we have a God who does our fighting for us; all we have to do is believe and trust in him.

the wilderness until the disobedient ones died outside of the Promised Land.

Question: does size matter in regards to the giants living in the land: large, height, depth, length, numerous, etc? So what are our fears? Size in God's eyes does not matter, because he will do what is necessary to accomplish his will. He is the Creator of all and in his wisdom he will do what you from having a full loving relationship with God? I pray that you are trusting God all the days of your life!

When we daily die is right for what he has promised to do for his people. Remember, nothing in all creation will ever separate us from the love of God [Romans 8: 37-38], that's a promise he made to us. When we die each day and kill off the old self and trust more in God our lives become different. We live for him and not ourselves. In God's strength, under Joshua the people eventually took the land, because God is a leader we can trust with our whole being. When we stand strong in him then his promises do come to fruition, even though sometimes we may struggle to see how it is so at times.

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