

Are You Discouraged?

“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.

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^o of a great stature.

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”, Numbers 13:31–33.

Having left Egypt, blessed by God’s desire to see them blessed. The Israelite’s faith started to diminish to the point where they became discouraged, and started complaining.

Again, God manifested His Blessings upon them during their forty years in the wilderness. Fresh bread every morning. So much fresh meat, they started to choke on their gluttony. A trek between two walls of water, yet remaining dry.

Now, getting ready to enter the Promised Land, they listened to the spies report.

All the spies admitted that it was a land full of fruit and honey. It was everything that God had promised. But... Satan makes sure that there is always a “But...”

Some two thousand five hundred years after the promise of a redeemer, with the knowledge of the Patriarchs and the promises given to them. With the eighty years of Moses’ leadership having just ended, and standing at the gates of the Promised Land, ten of the twelve spies found a ‘But...’ “The people are bigger than us”.

They fed the people fear. The encouraged discouragement. They were, at the least, traitors to what God had said.

What, then, was the price of discouragement? One thousand five hundred years of instability. Four hundred and ninety years of bondage to other nations.

Let us now move forward some two thousand and five hundred years. Many of God’s so called people had twisted the original words of God, that they now had very little meaning.

The ministers of the day did very little to encourage the people. It was some wise men from the east who came to worship God’s Son at His Birth. The Roman leadership was more interested than the Israeli leadership.

Again Satan makes sure that there is a “But...”

The “But...” “But if he is the king of Israel, why are the Romans still here?”. Jesus came as a submissive servant, not a dominant tyrant.

Jesus preached a message of love and tolerance. Jesus preached obedience to the Father’s Laws. Jesus demonstrated reliance upon the Father’s Graciousness, and fullness of His Supplies.

It became a case of ‘Kill the leader’, and crush the followers. The leaders designed it as a discouragement.

What, then, would be the price of discouragement?

Continued subjection to Gentile Powers. Continuous persecution by Gentile Powers.

To day this has continued by a lack of emphatic teaching. The world it self has become embroiled in turmoil. Some governments are now seen as saviours. Others are now seen tyrannical.

Whatever discouragement, whether it be from family, friends, or active atheists, call out to God, and seek His Help and Strength to be overcomers.

Discouragement is a tool of Satan, and he was defeated at the Cross. His tools of discouragement are the three ‘F’s’,

Failure. Jesus said, “And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:

And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it“, Matthew 7:26–27.

Fatigue. Jonah tried to run from God’s Commands. When God’s Way worked, Jonah gave up.

“And it came to pass, when the sun did arise, that God prepared a vehement east wind; and the sun beat upon the head of Jonah, that he fainted, and wished in himself to die, and said, It is better for me to die than to live“, Jonah 4:8.

Fear. “Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom (victory)“, Luke 12:32.

The remedies, build your life on the teachings of the rock (Jesus), follow the directions given, and you will have the victory.