

Lessons From the Sermon of Jesus on the Mountain Part 75

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We will continue now in the next example and the application of this Word of Jesus that teaches you to be early to reconcile with God and agree with Him, and be at peace with Him to avoid bad days from coming into your life.

8. The forty years of the judgment of God on the Israelites upon the rebelliousness of His people upon the bad reports of those who were sent to spy the land of the Promised Land: “1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Send 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.” (Numbers 13:1-2 KJV) God had already given the land to His people, as He said, ***“which I give unto the children of Israel”***. But before they conquered it the Lord ordered Moses to send men to explore it, so they will know how to conquer it. So in ***Numbers 13:3-16*** Moses appointed twelve men and sent them; ***“17 And 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: 18 And see the land, what it is, and the people that dwelleth therein, whether they be strong or weak, few or many; 19 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 strong holds; 20 And 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. 21 So they went up, and searched the land from the wilderness of Zin unto Rehob, as men come to Hamath. 22 And 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.) 23 And 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. 24 The place was called the brook Eshcol, because of the cluster of grapes which the children of Israel cut down from thence. 25 And they returned from searching of the land after forty days.” (Numbers 13:17-25 KJV)*** The men spent forty days to search the land and brought the information needed, and showed the fruit they brought, but they gave a negative report that discouraged the people. God sent them to explore so they will know how to plan to conquer it, but they came back with bad and negative news opposite to the command of God, ***“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. 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.” (Numbers 13:26-29 KJV)*** All who went to explore gave bad report by telling the people that they cannot receive what God had given them

because the people who were living in the land were great and giants and they cannot overcome them. The men who searched the land discouraged the people and convinced the people not to move forward by magnifying the negative things and minimizing the power of God and the value of having faith in Him. ***When you grumble and speak negatively against the place that God had placed you then you are sinning against God.*** But Caleb and Joshua gave good report and did their part to encourage the people and to convince them to move on to conquer the land; ***“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. 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.” (Numbers 13:30-33 KJV)***

More than that the people wanted to make a captain to lead them to go back to Egypt, ***“1 And all the congregation lifted up their voice, and cried; and the people wept that night. 2 And 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! 3 And 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? 4 And they said one to another, Let us make a captain, and let us return into Egypt. 5 Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the children of Israel.” (Numbers 14:1-5 KJV)*** They started to grumble and spoke badly against Moses and Aaron, the leaders of the church, who instructed them with the plan of God. They were speaking that to put captain in order to go back to Egypt. But Joshua and Caleb tried to convince them not to rebel against the Lord: ***“6 And Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, which were of them that searched the land, rent their clothes: 7 And 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. 8 If 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. 9 Only 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.” (Numbers 14:6-9 KJV)*** Joshua and Caleb told them that they can take the land if the Lord is happy with them. So in other word they were telling the people do what is pleasant to the Lord and He will be the one to help you in your mission to take the land. ***Delight in the Lord and He will give you the desire of your heart.*** They admonished them not to rebel against the Lord and not to do things and behave against His will. They encouraged the people and explained to them that the defenses of their enemies had gone from them. They told them they will become bread and food to them, and so not to fear them for the Lord with them. But the people grew wild and wanted even to stone them. ***“10 But all the congregation bade stone them with stones. And the glory of the LORD appeared in the tabernacle of the congregation before all the children of Israel.” (Numbers 14:10 KJV)*** God wanted them to do something but they wanted to do the opposite things, and they wanted to stone those who were telling them what to do right. That had ignited the anger of God: ***“11 And 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? 12 I will***

*smite them with the pestilence, and disinherit them, and will make of thee a greater nation and mightier than they.” (Numbers 14:11-12 KJV) * Don’t make God angry by disobeying His instruction and don’t fight with those who teach you the right things to do. * We need to act as Joshua and Caleb, by trusting God and obeying His instruction and keep admonishing the people and remind them that they need to obey God so that God’s anger will not fall on them. * We need to explain to the people the good things of what God is giving us and guide them to obey the Lord. We as church and church leaders need to be responsible before God toward the people by keep telling them that they need to obey God, and keep encouraging them not to put aside the instructions of Lord and by keep reminding them through our continuous messages about the faithfulness of the Lord toward those who obey Him and who keep His command.*

Let me tell you: Wherever place you are placed by God, there are struggles that will come into your lives. Those struggles either God allow them to be there and He need you to trust Him and to work hard to overcome them, or these struggles due to sin in your life that you need to repent from. Those people their main reason to discourage others was their non willingness to work hard to obey God and conquer the land. They loved the good things in the land but were not willing to stand with God, obey God, and fight the good fight with God, and they were not willing to repent of their sins. *Many who love to have good things but not willing to work hard for them and not willing to stop to live in sin.*

Moses at that time interceded, for he was so afraid that God will do what He said and will destroy the people in His anger, so he started to pray: *“13 And Moses said unto the LORD, Then the Egyptians shall hear it, (for thou broughtest up this people in thy might from among them;) 14 And 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. 15 Now if thou shalt kill all this people as one man, then the nations which have heard the fame of thee will speak, saying, 16 Because 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. 17 And now, I beseech thee, let the power of my lord be great, according as thou hast spoken, saying, 18 The 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. 19 Pardon, I beseech 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.” (Numbers 14:13-19 KJV) We need to continue to pray and intercede to God to forgive the people their sins and their disobedience. God still wants us to show good intention toward the people by praying and interceding for them. But that does not mean that God will not punish those who sin and who are not willing to repent.*

After the intercession of Moses to the Lord not to destroy the whole congregation, the Lord pronounced His judgment: *“20 And the LORD said, I have pardoned according to thy word: 21 But as truly as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD. 22 Because 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, and have not hearkened to my voice; 23 Surely they shall not see the land which I swore unto their fathers, neither shall any of them that provoked me see it:” (Numbers 14:20-*

23 KJV) God told Moses that they will not see the Promised Land because they had seen all the miracles of God in Egypt and in the wilderness but they were not willing to obey the commands of God. Jesus also said the same about the Jewish who saw His works and miracles but did not believe on Him and who did not obey Him, but hated Him; that they had sinned and they will die by their sins, *“22 If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloak for their sin. 23 He that hateth me hateth my Father also. 24 If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father.” (John 15:22-24 KJV) “24 I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.” (John 8:24 KJV)* When you, who are called Christians and have seen the work of God and the great miracles of God and did not believe and express that believe with obedience, then you will die with your sins; the same as the Israelites did and behave toward the instructions of God that He gave to them to conquer the Promised Land.

“24 But 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.” (Numbers 14:24 KJV) There is here exemption for Caleb. We read about Caleb: *“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 13:30 KJV)* Caleb had another spirit and he calmed the people. He had faith in God and He was rewarded by the Lord by giving him the land that he had trodden on as we read here, *“36 Save Caleb the son of Jephunneh; he shall see it, and to him will I give the land that he hath trodden upon, and to his children, because he hath wholly followed the LORD.” (Deuteronomy 1:36 KJV)* Caleb has another spirit because he wholly followed the Lord. ** We need to follow the Lord whole heartedly so we can see the good things in what God gave us and neglect the negative things that are around us.* People like Caleb are people who read their Bible and meditate on God’s Word and put into practice. They are not like the people who keep their eyes on the facebook and on the news and You tube because such things will destroy your faith in God. ** Avoid news and facebook, because such things will discourage you and will bring your faith down. * God will commend us and will bless us when we live by faith and obey the instruction of God and we will be promised with reward here and with eternal life. God knows those who obey Him and live honest life and He will reward them, and those who are disobedient and live in sin and He will discipline them in order for them to repent.*

The Lord pardoned the congregation and relented from destroying them, but the Lord put to death those men who spread the bad report, but spared Joshua and Caleb. Also the Lord announced that no one of the rest of the congregation will enter the Promised Land due to their murmurings and grumbings against God, but He will allow their children to enter the Promise Land. For this God announced forty years the Israelites will wander in the desert for their bodies to die and scattered in the wilderness, after the number of the days in which they searched the land, even forty days, each day for a year, shall they bear their iniquities, to let them know and experience the breaking of their covenant with God. Let us read all that here, *“25 (Now the Amalekites and the Canaanites dwelt in the valley.) Tomorrow turn you, and get you into the wilderness by the way of the Red sea. 26 And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, 27 How 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. 28 Say unto them, As truly as I live, saith the LORD, as ye have spoken in mine ears, so will I do to you: 29 Your*

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. 30 Doubtless ye shall not come into the land, concerning which I swear to make you dwell therein, save Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun. 31 But 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. 32 But as for you, your carcasses, they shall fall in this wilderness. 33 And your children shall wander in the wilderness forty years, and bear your whoredoms, until your carcasses be wasted in the wilderness. 34 After 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 of promise. 35 I 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. 36 And 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, 37 Even those men that did bring up the evil report upon the land, died by the plague before the LORD. 38 But Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, which were of the men that went to search the land, lived still.” (Numbers 14:25-38 KJV) * You can see here how it is dangerous to breach your covenant with God by murmuring and grumbling against God and against the leaders of the church that the Lord had put to convey His teaching and instructions to you about His plan for you. * You had seen lot of miracles and wonders of how God brought you out of many troubles. Therefore instead of you grumble and complain, you obey God and His instructions. God’s Word in the Bible will not be changed; therefore you need to be willing to change yourself. * Some they leave the church who discipline them and go to listen to other preaching, but that will not change the Word of God that is written in the Bible and will not pardon their sin, and will not exempt them from obedience.

“33 And your children shall wander in the wilderness forty years, and bear your whoredoms, until your carcasses be wasted in the wilderness.” (Numbers 14:33 KJV) When you grumble against God and against the church leaders and disobey the instructions of God’s Word to you, then you are causing your children to wander and suffer in the wilderness of life and for long years.

“39 And Moses told these sayings unto all the children of Israel: and the people mourned greatly. 40 And 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.” (Numbers 14:39-40 KJV) The people after they heard the judgment of God, they confessed their sin not because they were repented but because they heard that they will not enter the promise of God, and they wanted to go and conquer the land that God promised them in order to bypass the judgment of God. But Moses told them, that this will not work and they will not be able to do that because God will not change what He said. That mean they needed to bear the consequences of what they did, “41 And Moses said, Wherefore now do ye transgress the commandment of the LORD? but it shall not prosper. 42 Go not up, for the LORD is not among you; that ye be not smitten before your enemies. 43 For 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.” (Numbers 14:40-43 KJV) After the judgment of God is announced there is no way for you to avoid

it. That is why we need to heed the Word of Jesus, and we need to obey early because certain times there is no return point after a certain limit: “25 Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison.” (Matthew 5:25 KJV)

Moses warned them not to go and face their enemies because God will not be with them. Even with that they did not hearken to the instruction of Moses and went out but they were rooted out before their enemies, “44 But 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. 45 Then the Amalekites came down, and the Canaanites which dwelt in that hill, and smote them, and discomfited them, even unto Hormah.” (Numbers 14:44-45 KJV)

You may ask the question why God did not allow them now to obey Him?

1. Their repentance should be before the judgment: Once judgment pronounced then you cannot change it, but you have to bear it by going through it. That is why you need to heed to the instructions early when you are admonished and pleaded with to repent, because there is a limit and beyond the limit there is no return. I am not speaking here about the salvation of God, for there is no time limit for the salvation of God except by death. There is no salvation if you die non repented, but once you repent you need to bear the consequences of your sins and the consequences of your delay obedience.

2. They had gone beyond the limit, for they had tempted God for ten times: “22 Because 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, and have not hearkened to my voice;” (Numbers 14:22 KJV) They had tempted God ten times after they had seen all His miracles, and by this they had exceeded the limit and that is why the Lord announced His judgment on them and they lost the Promised Land. But He allowed their children to enter into it. They were doing whoredoms as we read in verse “33 And your children shall wander in the wilderness forty years, and bear your whoredoms, until your carcasses be wasted in the wilderness.” (Numbers 14:33 KJV) Once you had gone beyond the limit and repeatedly doing the sin, then you will bear the consequences of it.

3. God knows their heart that they did not repent but they just did not want to loss the blessings of God: This is the same of what we read about Esau, the twin of Jacob, who sold his birth right for food (like those who sold Christ only to get gift, pleasure of sin, the pleasure of immorality, the pleasure of money, the pleasure of a trip, etc.). Esau sought the blessings of God with tears but He did not receive because he was after the material blessings of God but no repentance was found in him. The same as we can read and admonished here not to miss the grace of God, not to allow root of bitterness to grow in our lives, and not to allow profanity to corrupt us, “15 Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled; 16 Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright. 17 For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.” (Hebrews 12:15-17 KJV)

If you keep tempting God; keep going out with men and sin, then for ten times and you see yourself pregnant, what then? Keep stealing for ten times then you are caught by your manager, what then? Keep beating the red light for ten times then you are caught by the police, what then? Keep going late to work for ten times then you are punished by your supervisor, what then? Keep neglecting warning, then one day you find yourself naked like Adam and Eve, what then? It is a warning message to you. Take it seriously for it might be the last chance for you to be given the chance to repent.

My dear and beloved: Going back to **Matthew 5:25-26**, time for you to repent to give up your sins, your boy friend, your immoralities, your laziness, your cheating, your stealing, your stubbornness and hard headedness..... Repent early before it is too late repent before the judgment of God ... repent and pay all what is due for you ... repent and do the whole will of God to avoid curses, troubles, devours, sicknesses, accidents, fines, penalties, and the wrath that will come from Him upon you if you will not repent and diligently obey His Word.

Confess now your sins and renounce all your wrongdoings. Renounce your grumbings, murmuring, tempting God, doing your own and not God's will, laziness, stealing, immoralities, cheating, stubbornness and hardheadedness, selfishness, discouraging others, late obedience, etc

My prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins, who was buried and rose from the dead on the third day to give me eternal life. I thank you Lord for your Word that is rebuking me and showing me where I fail you.

Lord I confess and renounce the following sins _____.

Lord I am willing to bear the consequences of my sins and wrongdoings.

Lord I committed myself to live the content of this message and to teach others the way of obedience and God's will. Lord I am willing to set a good example for them that they can observe and follow. Lord I commit myself to reproduce more fruit of the Holy Spirit, love, joy, peace, self-control, patience, long-suffering and perseverance, that people will see Jesus clearly in my life.

Lord thank you for my brethren and sisters who repented and committed their lives to serve you and to live the plan that you have for them. Lord protect them, sustain them, and provide all their needs so they can continue to serve you. Lord refill them with the Holy Spirit and use them for your glory.

Lord bless us as a church and refill us with the Holy Spirit and give us the spiritual gifts to go on and serve you. Lord help us to evangelize and teach your Word and make disciples and train workers, and enable us to plant new Bible studies and new congregations for the church. Lord fulfill the vision of the church, Multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God. Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us, and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with us all in Jesus' name, Amen.

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