

# Tale of Two Temptations



# The Temptation of Ancient Israel

Num 13:1–3 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, (2) "Send men to spy out the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the children of Israel; from each tribe of their fathers you shall send a man, every one a leader among them." (3) So Moses sent them from the Wilderness of Paran according to the command of the LORD, all of them men who were heads of the children of Israel.

# Ancient Israel Tempted

Num 13:25–33 And they returned from spying out the land after forty days. (26) Now they departed and came back to Moses and Aaron and all the congregation of the children of Israel in the Wilderness of Paran, at Kadesh; they brought back word to them and to all the congregation, and showed them the fruit of the land. (27) Then they told him, and said: "We went to the land where you sent us. It truly flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit..."

# Ancient Israel Challenged

Num 13:25–33 ... (28) Nevertheless the people who dwell in the land are strong; the cities are fortified and very large; moreover we saw the descendants of Anak there. (29) The Amalekites dwell in the land of the South; the Hittites, the Jebusites, and the Amorites dwell in the mountains; and the Canaanites dwell by the sea and along the banks of the Jordan..."

# Caleb Countered with God's Word

Num 13:25–33 ... (30) Then Caleb quieted the people before Moses, and said, "Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are well able to overcome it...."

# Ten Spies Did Satan's Work

Num 13:25-33 ... (31) But the men who had gone up with him said, "We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we." (32) And they gave the children of Israel a bad report of the land which they had spied out, saying, "The land through which we have gone as spies is a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people whom we saw in it are men of great stature..."

# Ten Spies Did Satan's Work

Num 13:25–33 ... (33) There we saw the giants (the descendants of Anak came from the giants); and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight."

# Israel Chose Unbelief, Giving Satan Victory

Num 14:1–10 So all the congregation lifted up their voices and cried, and the people wept that night. (2) And all the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron, and the whole congregation said to them, "If only we had died in the land of Egypt! Or if only we had died in this wilderness! (3) Why has the LORD brought us to this land to fall by the sword, that our wives and children should become victims? Would it not be better for us to return to Egypt?..."

# Unbelief, As in Rebellion

Num 14:1-10 ... (4) So they said to one another, "Let us select a leader and return to Egypt." (5) Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the children of Israel. (6) But Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had spied out the land, tore their clothes; (7) and they spoke to all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying: "The land we passed through to spy out is an exceedingly good land..."

# God's Judgment Stopped the Rebellion

Num 14:1-10 ... (8) If the LORD delights in us, then He will bring us into this land and give it to us, 'a land which flows with milk and honey.' (9) Only do not rebel against the LORD, nor fear the people of the land, for they are our bread; their protection has departed from them, and the LORD is with us. Do not fear them." (10) **And all the congregation said to stone them with stones.** Now the glory of the LORD appeared in the tabernacle of meeting before all the children of Israel.

# Israel Surrendered to Satan



# Christ Began Filled with the Spirit

Luk 4:1–2 Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, (2) being tempted for forty days by the devil. And in those days He ate nothing, and afterward, when they had ended, He was hungry.

# Christ Defeated the Flesh with the Word of God

Mat 4:3-4 Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." (4) But He answered and said, "It is written, '**MAN SHALL NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE, BUT BY EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS FROM THE MOUTH OF GOD.**' "

# Christ Defeated the World with the Word of God

Mat 4:5–7 Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, (6) and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: 'HE SHALL GIVE HIS ANGELS CHARGE OVER YOU,' and, IN THEIR HANDS THEY SHALL BEAR YOU UP, LEST YOU DASH YOUR FOOT AGAINST A STONE.'" (7) Jesus said to him, "It is written again, 'YOU SHALL NOT TEMPT THE LORD YOUR GOD.'"

# Christ Defeated Satan with the Word of God

Mat 4:8-10 Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. (9) And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me." (10) Then Jesus said to him, "**Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND HIM ONLY YOU SHALL SERVE.'**"

# Christ Defeated Satan



# Do Not Harden Yourselves, But Trust God

Heb 3:7–19 Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says:  
"TODAY, IF YOU WILL HEAR HIS VOICE, (8) DO  
NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS AS IN THE REBELLION,  
IN THE DAY OF TRIAL IN THE WILDERNESS, (9)  
WHERE YOUR FATHERS TESTED ME, TRIED ME, AND  
SAW MY WORKS FORTY YEARS. (10) THEREFORE I  
WAS ANGRY WITH THAT GENERATION, AND SAID,  
'THEY ALWAYS GO ASTRAY IN THEIR HEART, AND  
THEY HAVE NOT KNOWN MY WAYS...'

# Do Not Harden Yourselves, But Trust God

Heb 3:7-19 ... (11) SO I SWORE IN MY WRATH, 'THEY SHALL NOT ENTER MY REST.' " (12) Beware, 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 "TODAY," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. (14) For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end,...

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