

FEBRUARY 13

Read Numbers 13–15

CHAPTER 13

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.

3 And Moses by the commandment of the LORD sent them from the wilderness of Paran: all those men *were* heads of the children of Israel.

4 And these *were* their names: of the tribe of Reuben, Shammua the son of Zaccur.

5 Of the tribe of Simeon, Shaphat the son of Hori.

6 Of the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son of Jephunneh.

7 Of the tribe of Issachar, Igal the son of Joseph.

8 Of the tribe of Ephraim, Oshea the son of Nun.

9 Of the tribe of Benjamin, Palti the son of Raphu.

10 Of the tribe of Zebulun, Gad-diel the son of Sodi.

11 Of the tribe of Joseph, *name-ly*, of the tribe of Manasseh, Gaddi the son of Susi.

12 Of the tribe of Dan, Ammiel the son of Gemalli.

13 Of the tribe of Asher, Sethur the son of Michael.

14 Of the tribe of Naphtali, Nahbi the son of Vophsi.

15 Of the tribe of Gad, Geuel the son of Machi.

16 These *are* the names of the men which Moses sent to spy out the land. And Moses called Oshea the son of Nun Jehoshua.

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 Talmai, 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.

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.

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 inhabi-

tants 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.

CHAPTER 14

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 sware 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.

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 sware unto their fathers, neither shall any of them that provoked me see it:

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.

25 (Now the Amalekites and the Canaanites dwelt in the valley.) To morrow 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*.

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.

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.

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.

CHAPTER 15

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land of your habitations, which I give unto you,

3 And will make an offering by fire unto the LORD, a burnt offering, or a sacrifice in performing a vow, or in a freewill offering, or in your solemn feasts, to make a sweet savour unto the LORD, of the herd, or of the flock:

4 Then shall he that offereth his

offering unto the LORD bring a meat offering of a tenth deal of flour mingled with the fourth *part* of an hin of oil.

5 And the fourth *part* of an hin of wine for a drink offering shalt thou prepare with the burnt offering or sacrifice, for one lamb.

6 Or for a ram, thou shalt prepare *for* a meat offering two tenth deals of flour mingled with the third *part* of an hin of oil.

7 And for a drink offering thou shalt offer the third *part* of an hin of wine, *for* a sweet savour unto the LORD.

8 And when thou preparest a bullock *for* a burnt offering, or *for* a sacrifice in performing a vow, or peace offerings unto the LORD:

9 Then shall he bring with a bullock a meat offering of three tenth deals of flour mingled with half an hin of oil.

10 And thou shalt bring for a drink offering half an hin of wine, *for* an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD.

11 Thus shall it be done for one bullock, or for one ram, or for a lamb, or a kid.

12 According to the number that ye shall prepare, so shall ye do to every one according to their number.

13 All that are born of the country shall do these things after this manner, in offering an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD.

14 And if a stranger sojourn with you, or whosoever *be* among you in your generations, and will offer an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD; as ye do, so he shall do.

15 One ordinance *shall be both* for you of the congregation, and also for the stranger that sojourneth *with you*, an ordinance for ever in your generations: as ye *are*, so shall the stranger be before the LORD.

16 One law and one manner shall be for you, and for the stranger that sojourneth with you.

17 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

18 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye come into the land whither I bring you,

19 Then it shall be, that, when ye eat of the bread of the land, ye shall offer up an heave offering unto the LORD.

20 Ye shall offer up a cake of the first of your dough *for* an heave offering: as ye *do* the heave offering

of the threshingfloor, so shall ye heave it.

21 Of the first of your dough ye shall give unto the LORD an heave offering in your generations.

22 ¶ And if ye have erred, and not observed all these commandments, which the LORD hath spoken unto Moses,

23 *Even* all that the LORD hath commanded you by the hand of Moses, from the day that the LORD commanded *Moses*, and henceforward among your generations;

24 Then it shall be, if *ought* be committed by ignorance without the knowledge of the congregation, that all the congregation shall offer one young bullock for a burnt offering, for a sweet savour unto the LORD, with his meat offering, and his drink offering, according to the manner, and one kid of the goats for a sin offering.

25 And the priest shall make an atonement for all the congregation of the children of Israel, and it shall be forgiven them; for it *is* ignorance: and they shall bring their offering, a sacrifice made by fire unto the LORD, and their sin offering before the LORD, for their ignorance:

26 And it shall be forgiven all

the congregation of the children of Israel, and the stranger that sojourneth among them; seeing all the people *were* in ignorance.

27 ¶ And if any soul sin through ignorance, then he shall bring a she goat of the first year for a sin offering.

28 And the priest shall make an atonement for the soul that sinneth ignorantly, when he sinneth by ignorance before the LORD, to make an atonement for him; and it shall be forgiven him.

29 Ye shall have one law for him that sinneth through ignorance, *both for* him that is born among the children of Israel, and for the stranger that sojourneth among them.

30 ¶ But the soul that doeth *ought* presumptuously, *whether he be* born in the land, or a stranger, the same reproacheth the LORD; and that soul shall be cut off from among his people.

31 Because he hath despised the word of the LORD, and hath broken his commandment, that soul shall utterly be cut off; his iniquity *shall be* upon him.

32 ¶ And while the children of Israel were in the wilderness, they found a man that gathered sticks upon the sabbath day.

33 And they that found him gathering sticks brought him unto Moses and Aaron, and unto all the congregation.

34 And they put him in ward, because it was not declared what should be done to him.

35 And the LORD said unto Moses, The man shall be surely put to death: all the congregation shall stone him with stones without the camp.

36 And all the congregation brought him without the camp, and stoned him with stones, and he died; as the LORD commanded Moses.

37 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

38 Speak unto the children of Israel, and bid them that they make them fringes in the borders of their garments throughout their generations, and that they put upon the fringe of the borders a ribband of blue:

39 And it shall be unto you for a fringe, that ye may look upon it, and remember all the commandments of the LORD, and do them; and that ye seek not after your own heart and your own eyes, after which ye use to go a whoring:

40 That ye may remember, and

do all my commandments, and be holy unto your God.

41 I *am* the LORD your God,

which brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I *am* the LORD your God.

DEVOTIONAL COMMENTS

Hebrews 3 and 4 is the New Testament commentary on today's reading. The key thought is "unbelief." Notice the evidences of unbelief in these events.

In chapter 13:1-27 we see the unbelief of the children of Israel in sending in the spies. God had told them many times what Canaan was like, what nations were there, and how He would defeat their enemies and give them their promised inheritance; so what need was there for spies? Sad to say, human nature prefers to walk by sight, not by faith, and to depend on man's word, not God's Word. The spies searched the land and even brought back some of the wonderful fruit; but they also brought back an evil report and discouraged the hearts of the people. Except for Moses, Caleb, and Joshua, nobody in the nation believed God would keep His promise!

The ten spies illustrate many Christians today. They have "spied out" their inheritance in Christ, and even tasted some of the fruits of His blessing, but their unbelief keeps them from entering in by faith to claim what they have in Christ.

It is interesting to note the "promotion" of Joshua. In Numbers 11:28 he is called "Moses' servant"; ultimately he becomes Moses' successor (Joshua 1). We see him as a soldier in Exodus 17:8-16; in Exodus 24:13 he is with Moses on Mount Sinai; in Exodus 33:11 he is in charge of the Tabernacle; and Numbers 13 shows him as one of the spies. Because he was faithful in whatever task God gave him, he was advanced from one responsibility to another (see Matthew 25:21).

God wants to advance each of us to greater things in our Christian living, but we must be faithful over the little things before He will make us ruler over many. The refusal to go into the land (verses 28-33) indicates unbelief. Many Christians see the problems and obstacles, but continue to restlessly wander about because they refuse to be led of God. As a result, they never claim God's blessings. It is yet to be seen what can be accomplished through the saved people of the world, if they will simply live by faith. Unbelief is the devil's tool for keeping us from the total blessing God has for us.

It is my prayer that God will grip your heart, as He has mine, and cause you to really believe Him in every situation. He is interested in even the smallest

decisions in our lives. Anything that affects the life of one of God's children is of interest to Him. His constant plea is that we believe and trust in Him. Won't you turn every area of your life over to Him?

PROVERB FOR TODAY

"Good understanding giveth favour: but the way of transgressors is hard" (Proverbs 13:15).

TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING

ASSIGNMENT 7: For today's memory verses, follow instructions on page 12.

HYMN FOR TODAY

MY SAVIOUR'S LOVE

Words and Music by Charles H. Gabriel,
1856-1932

Historians have noted that the ancient Greeks expressed three levels of love. *Eros* Love—a "give me" kind of love; *Philia* Love—a "give and take" kind of love. "You love me and I'll love you;" and *Agape* Love—an "unconditional" kind of love. "I love you simply for who you are."

Our Saviour's love was *agape* love in its highest form. He loved us enough to leave heaven's best, to suffer humiliation and death for a world of rebellious sinners. Only when we are gathered in glory with the ransomed of the ages and see His face will we fully know the meaning of this divine love. In the meantime, however, the scriptural command is that we are to live a life of love that ministers to the needs of others as a "fragrant offering and sacrifice to God."

"My Saviour's Love" was written by Charles H. Gabriel, the most popular and prolific gospel song writer of the 1910-20 decade, which was the height of the Billy Sunday/Homer Rodeheaver evangelistic crusades. This song first appeared in the hymnal titled *Praises*, published in 1905.

*I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene,
and wonder how He could love me, a sinner con-
demned, unclean.*

*For me it was in the garden He prayed, "Not My will,
but Thine;"*

*He had no tears for His own griefs but sweat drops of
blood for mine.*

*In pity angels beheld Him, and came from the world of light
to comfort Him in the sorrows He bore for my soul that night.*

*He took my sins and my sorrows; He made them His very own;
He bore the burden to Calv'ry and suffered and died alone.*

*When with the ransomed in glory His face I at last shall see,
'twill be my joy thru the ages to sing of His love for me.*

Chorus:

How marvelous! how wonderful! and my song shall ever be:

How marvelous! how wonderful is my Saviour's love for me!

ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

1741

THE FIRST UNITED STATES MAGAZINE WAS PUBLISHED

It was entitled "The American Magazine." It was published in Philadelphia. Thank God today for good magazines. May we pray today that God will help the American press. There is so much smut, filth, and rot coming off the presses today. The average magazine stand is a cesspool of iniquity, sensuality, and vulgarity; nevertheless, we do have many good magazines for which we can thank God.

1635

THE FIRST PUBLIC SCHOOL WAS ESTABLISHED IN BOSTON.

Several things perhaps we could do today. First, we could pray for our public school system. Especially pray for the teachers who teach your children. Then, we could thank God for the public school system and for what it has meant to our nation. Third, we could

write a letter of appreciation to the principal of our children. A similar letter could be sent to the teacher who teaches your child. Oftentimes, these go unrewarded. Let us thank God for faithful, godly public school teachers.

1877

THE FIRST LONG DISTANCE PHONE MESSAGE WAS MADE

It was made from Salem to Boston. We should thank God today for the telephone system and the privilege of long distance telephone service. Let us honor this day by calling some dear one long distance and assuring them of our love and prayers on their behalf. Perhaps your mother is many miles away today. Perhaps your father is across the country. Call them today and tell them of your love and concern.

ON THIS DATE IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

1882

DEATH OF HENRY HIGHLAND GARNET (66), diplomat and protest leader, in Monrovia, Liberia.

1923

FIRST BLACK PRO BASKETBALL TEAM, "THE RENAISSANCE," ORGANIZED.

1952

CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR AWARDED POSTHUMOUSLY to Sgt. Cornelius H. Charlton for heroism in Korea.

1957

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE ORGANIZED at New Orleans meeting with Martin Luther King Jr. as president.

1962

BUS BOYCOTT STARTED IN MACON, GEORGIA.

THE STORY OF THE PSALMS

Psalm 13

AUTHOR: David.

THE STORY BEHIND THE PSALM:

David was being hunted in the mountains by Saul. Saul's jealousy had prompted him to make a vow to take the life of David. David flees for his life and while in the mountains, he writes Psalm 13. Now with this picture in mind, read the Psalm. Notice especially the words, "How long?" This question is repeated four times. It speaks of a very intense desire for deliverance, and this desire soon bordered on impatience. Yet through it all David says in verse 6 that he will sing unto the Lord. His faith kept him singing in the midst of heavy trials.

THE WAY IT WAS USED BY GOD'S PEOPLE:

This Psalm was used by God's people during prolonged suffering. They would sing it during a prolonged illness or prolonged famine. Many of God's people have an incurable disease or have been under the chastening or refining hand of God for a long time. Such people should sit beside David in the mountains and sing the thirteenth Psalm.

One day an old man was hitchhiking. Over his shoulder rested a bag of potatoes. Soon a driver stopped his car to offer a ride. The old man got in, sat down and yet kept the bag of potatoes over his shoulder. The driver of the car looked at him and said, "Sir, put the sack of potatoes on the floor," whereupon the old man replied, "Sir, it's asking enough for you to carry me. It's asking too much for you to have to carry the potatoes too." The driver said, "Sir, I'm already carrying the potatoes. There's no need in both of us bearing the weight. Put your load down." Ah, how many of us go through life carrying our own load when the great Bearer of burdens is with us constantly.

The Treasure Path to Soul Winning

MEMORY VERSE TOPIC FOR SEVEN DAYS:

REACTION OF SIN IN HUMAN NATURE

(Assignment 7)

Please recite all three components of each of these five verses aloud, five times each morning, and five times each evening, for seven days. The three components of each verse are: Subject, Scripture Reference, and Scripture Text. (For more details, see “The Treasure Path to Soul Winning” link back on the DailyKJV.com page.)

Described as coming from the heart.

() Mark 7:21

For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders,

Manifests itself by many evils.

() Mark 7:22

Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness.

Defiles the man and makes him unclean.

() Mark 7:23

All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.

In this condition declared to be unprofitable.

() Romans 3:12

They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

His wicked works prove him to be God’s enemy.

() Colossians 1:21

And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled.