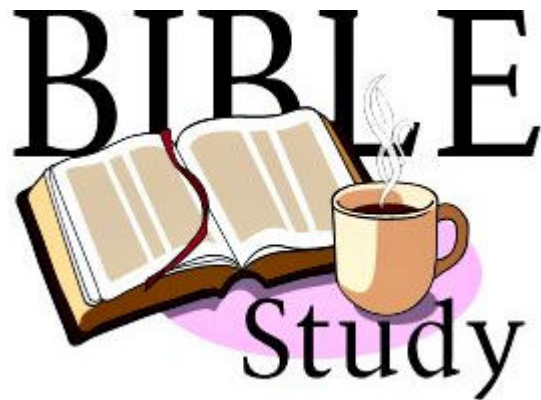


Joshua – The man and the message

STUDY 2

Readings: Numbers 13:17-20; 25-29
Numbers 14:6-10



So near and yet so far!

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Just over a year into their journey to the Promised Land and Joshua is one of twelve men sent on a forty day spying mission into Canaan. Only he and Caleb come back determined that the land can be taken. As a result of the people's disobedience, the nation is destined to spend another thirty-eight years in the wilderness. How near, yet how far!

Questions on Numbers 13:17-20; 25-29

- 1) What were the reasons that the spies were told to bring back food grown in Canaan?
- 2) In the most challenging situations there will always be someone who introduces a 'however' (verse 28) or a 'but'. *How do the ten spies contradict themselves in their report in verses 27-29; and what does that teach us today?*
- 3) With such a majority verdict and the subsequent acceptance of this by the people, what would be the tensions that Joshua and Caleb faced over their own position in this matter?

Questions on Numbers 14:6-10

- 4) What is the primary factor in this report that is absent from the other one in chapter 13? What can we learn from this?
- 5) Joshua and Caleb saw exactly the same things as the other ten spies, yet urged the people to go forward rather than turn back. *What three things do they argue in verses 8-9 that will still today determine victory for God's people?*
- 6) What did Joshua learn from this event that would equip him for the task he was to be given later?