

YE HAVE DWELT LONG ENOUGH
IN THIS MOUNT
DEUTERONOMY 1:6; 2:3

Text: Deut. 1:6, 2:3

(Deuteronomy 1:6) "The LORD our God spake unto us in Horeb, saying, Ye have dwelt long enough in this mount:"

(Deuteronomy 2:3) "Ye have compassed this mountain long enough: turn you northward."

Introduction:

We have in our text here a command along with an indictment. The indictment is that little or no progress was being made. The command is to turn and go.

The same can be said today. The church, made up of "Christians" is no longer making much progress. We are no longer seeing great revivals like they did in the past. We are no longer seeing great conviction like days of old. Not many preachers preach the Word of God boldly, and without compromise.

Churches today are more concerned with fellowship than follow-ship; Popularity instead of piety; Being Social instead of Scriptural.

I believe that God is saying to Christians as well as churches, "Ye have compassed this mountain long enough!" We have today an illness in and among Christians that I call "Tread Mill Christianity." Sure we are moving about; involved in a number of things, but all we are really doing is going nowhere. We could also say that we have found ourselves in a rut, just like the children of Israel.

Notice:

1. REQUEST (NUMBERS 13:1-3)

(Numbers 13:1-3) "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."

A. God wanted them to go to the place of promise.

B. God wanted them to go to the place of provisions.

C. God wanted them to go to the place of protection.

I too believe that there is a certain place that God wants us at and until we get there well not accomplish much more than walking about in circles.

2. REBELLION (DEUT 1:26)

(Deuteronomy 1:26) "Notwithstanding ye would not go up, but rebelled against the commandment of the LORD your God:"

A. Disgusted (vs 27)

1. Against the Lord

(Deuteronomy 1:27) "And ye murmured in your tents, and said, Because the LORD hated us, he hath brought us forth out of the land of Egypt, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us."

2. Against the Leader (Num 14:2)

(Numbers 14:2) "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!"

B. Discouraged (Deut 1:28)

(Deuteronomy 1:28) "Whither shall we go up? our brethren have discouraged our heart, saying, The people is greater and taller than we; the cities are great and walled up to heaven; and moreover we have seen the sons of the Anakims there."

1. Discouraged their family.
2. Discouraged their friends.

C. Disbelief (Deut 1:32)

(Deuteronomy 1:32) "Yet in this thing ye did not believe the LORD your God,"

3. REPROOF (NUM 14:21-23)

(Numbers 14:21-23) "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:"

4. RESULTS OF THEIR REBELLION.

A. Rote (Routine)

Rote = Memorization through repetition, often without understanding.

Rote leads to:

B. Ruts

Rut = A fixed, usually boring routine

Rote leads to rut and rut leads to:

C. Rot

Rot = To decompose; decay.

Close:

The church today has been given orders. The church today has also rebelled. The church today is in a rut.

What is the cure to rote, ruts, rot? Revival!