

GRAPES GIANTS GRASSHOPPER AND GOD NUMBERS 13

Text: Numbers 13:22-23

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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.

Introduction:

1. THE GRAPES OF INCOMPARABLE BLESSINGS

A. Pardon of Sin.

B. Peace of Mind.

Philip. 4:7

And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

C. Power for Victory.

1 John 4:4

Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

D. Pleasures of God.

Psalm 16:11

Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

Hebrews 11:25

Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;

E. Purpose in Life.

F. Presence of Christ.

Hebrews 13:5

Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

There are many grapes out there.

2. THE GIANTS OF IMMENSE OPPOSITION

A. Giant of Discouragement.

Numbers 32:9

For when they went up unto the valley of Eshcol, and saw the land, they discouraged the heart of the children of Israel, that they should not go into the land which the Lord had given them.

B. Giant of Difficulty - It's too hard.

You can do as much as you think you can,
But you'll never accomplish more;
If you're afraid of yourself.
There's little for you in store.

For fear comes from the inside first,
It's there if you only knew it.
And you can win, though you face the worst,
If you feel that you can do it.

C. Giant of Doubt - Don't think it can be done.

D. Giant of Dismay - Give up.

3. THE GRASSHOPPERS OF INADEQUATE SELF

A. Philip. 4:13

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I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

4. GOD INSURMOUNTABLE STRENGTH

Numbers 14:1-9

And all the congregation lifted up their voice, and cried; and the people wept that night. 2And 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! 3And 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? 4And they said one to another, Let us make a captain, and let us return into Egypt. 5Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the children of Israel. 6And Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, which were of them that searched the land, rent their clothes: 7And 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. 8If 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. 9Only 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.