

Lesson III.

THE REPORT OF THE SPIES

October 19, 1913

Numbers 13 : 1-3, 25-33. Study Numbers 13 : 1-3, 17 to 14 : 25—Memory Verses, 31, 32.

Golden Text—If God is for us, who is against us?—Romans 8 : 31 (Rev. Ver.).

1 And the Lord spake unto Mo'ses, saying,

2 Send thou men, that they may search the land of Ca'naan, which I give unto the children of Is'rael : of every tribe of their fathers shall ye send a man, every one a ruler among them.

3 And Mo'ses by the commandment of the Lord sent them from the wilderness of Par'an : all those men *were* heads of the children of Is'rael.

25 And they returned from searching of the land after forty days.

26 And they went and came to Mo'ses, and to As'ron, and to all the congregation of the children of Is'rael, unto the wilderness of Par'an, to Ka'desh ; 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 A'nak there.

29 The Amal'ekites dwell in the land of the south : and the Hit'tites, and the Jeb'usites, and the Am'orites, dwell in the mountains : and the Ca'naanites dwell by the sea, and by the coast of Jor'dan.

30 And Ca'leb stilled the people before Mo'ses, 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 Is'rael, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search it, is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof ; and all the people that we saw in it *are* men of great stature.

33 And there we saw the giants, the sons of A'nak, *which come* of the giants ; and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.

THE LESSON RETOLD

At last the children of Israel came near to the land of Canaan which God had promised should one day belong to them. But the land was already filled with people, and the Israelites were afraid to go into it before they found out what it was like.

So Moses picked out twelve men, one from each tribe to go and find out what the land was like and what sort of people lived in it. They were also to bring back some of its fruits.

Now these twelve men, called spies, went into Canaan and none of the people did them any harm for the Lord was with them. And as they journeyed, they came to a little stream called Eshcol, and there they

found some very large grapes growing. The bunches were so great and heavy that, to carry one, they had to hang it upon a pole, and two men carried the pole, each holding one end. And they brought back with them to the camp a bunch of these grapes and some fine pomegranates and figs.

The spies had spent forty days traveling through Canaan, and they told Moses and Aaron and all the Israelites what they had seen. They said the land was very fertile, and that there was plenty to eat and drink. But the cities were very great and had high walls around them and the people were very strong.

So, because of these things, ten of the