

INTRODUCTION:

Leading up to this GIANT AND GRASSHOPPER business we have two different stories. They are:

1. The story of the ten spies. These men said:
  1. Numbers 13:31; "We be not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we."
2. The story of Joshua and Caleb. These two men said:
  1. Numbers 13:30; "Let us go up at once, and possess the land; for we are well able to overcome it." Numbers 14:6-9
3. Their giants then:
  1. Men of great physical stature.
  2. The cities were well fortified against would be enemies.
  3. The children of Anak lived there and these men were described as "the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants."
  4. But the greatest giant of all to them is expressed in three things:
    1. Their lack of faith. James 1:6-8
    2. Their utter lack of self respect.
      1. As they were in their own sight, they were correct in their evaluation as to their appearance in the sight of others.
      2. How you look to yourself nearly always determines how you look before others.
    3. Their unwillingness to pay the price.
      1. It was easier just to stay where they were.
      2. When any person becomes self-satisfied he is not likely to make any effort toward a change...especially if it takes sacrifice.
4. GIANTS WE FACE TODAY.
  1. The attacks of the media giants against the church.
    1. The media always speak of the weaknesses, failures, ETC of what they call "Christianity!"
  2. Some reasons they give (Gallup) for this failure.
    1. The church is "outdated."
    2. The "church is not relevant in today's world."
    3. "Morals are breaking down."
    4. "People are becoming more materialistic."



4. GIANTS WE FACE TODAY, Continued:

3. The denominational world and its attack against the Bible.

1. If some biblical truth gets in their way it is immediately pronounced as non-essential and not meaning what it says.
2. All this has brought about a compromise in Christian standards as revealed in the Bible  
Due to this:

1. People no longer respect what the world calls Christianity. The sign carried by the hippy read: "Jesus Christ, YES; Christianity NO."

*See 506 in Bible*

5. WHAT WAS THEIR TROUBLE? Their "sights" were all mixed up... Poor vision.

1. OUR OWN SIGHT... "Grasshoppers"

1. A grasshopper is a helpless insect, flitting about in the grass, existing from day to day never quite sure when one of those giant feet is going to come crushing down on him.
2. In the grasshopper's life every blade of grass is like a tall pine tree.
3. He may have an occasional leap into the sunlight for a fleeting glimpse of the wider world.
4. A grasshopper does not have much of a view down there on that blade of grass.

2. THEIR SIGHT... "Grasshoppers"

1. This struck terror to their heart.

3. GOD'S SIGHT... "???????"

1. This seemed not worry them at all. They, I am sure were more concerned about how they look in the sight of others.

6. I would not leave you there with the defeatist scouts of Isreal. I would not leave you in the grass with the grasshoppers. I want you to hear some voices of real giants...not of imaginary giants:

1. The voice of Joshua and Caleb: "We are well able to overcome."

2. The voice of David: "I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou has defied. 1 Sam. 17:45, 46

3. Hear the voice of Peter: "Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard." Acts 4:19, 20. 5:19

