

GRASSHOPPER RELIGION

Scripture: Numbers 13:33;

"And then we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight."

1. Though they deserved to be posted for cowards, this was not the worst, the scripture brands them for unbelievers.
 1. God assured Abraham that he would put his seed in possession of that land. Genesis 15:8; 17:8.
 2. God had expressly promised them through Moses that he would drive out the Canaanites from before them. Exodus 23:2.
 - (1) Praise for the land: It surely floweth with milk and honey, and Numbers 13:27...this is the fruit of it. Opportunity.
 - (2) Objections to the Land: Numbers 13:28-29; 32-33.
 1. The people be strong that dwell in the land...Verse 28.
 2. The cities are walled and are very great and moreover we saw the children of Anak there....Verse 28.
 3. The Amalekites dwell in the land of the south...and the Hittites, and the Jebusites, and the Amorites, dwell in the mountains: and the Canaanites dwell by the sea, and by the coast of Jordan. Verse 29.
 4. It is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof. Verse 32.
 - (1) Does not mean starvation, pestilence, or other natural causes.
 - (2) It must mean that the population was continually changing through wars and the incursions of fresh tribes from surrounding wastes.
 5. All the people that we saw in it are men of very great stature. Verse 32.
 6. And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak. Verse 33.
 - (3) Fear magnifies above measure: As they measured themselves by the sons of Anak, they themselves were reduced to insignificant insects. Verse 33.
2. There are huge giants in our land today.
 1. In thinking about and looking over the possibilities for advancing the Kingdom of Christ on earth we agree in the facts presented and the opportunities that appear. WHAT ARE THESE HUGE GIANTS OF TODAY?
 - (1) Communism versus Catholicism.

While these two are arrayed one against the other today they stand as twins in opposition to Christ and his gospel.
 - (2) Denominationalism a might giant. We take a grasshopper look at ourselves and shrink from this giant.
 - (3) Manufactured gospels another giant. Gospel of Christ incomplete. They have glorified names and huge places of gathering. We fall at their feet beaten & quivering.
 - (4) The thousands who have never heard the story of Christ. I can never hope to reach all of these. There is no beginning point ETC.
 2. When we view the giants in our land let us remember that it is not these giants that hinder and destroy us but it is our attitude toward them. We may be in their sight as grasshoppers but they are less than grasshoppers in God's sight.