

MEDITATIONS ON THE TRUE CHRISTIAN LIFE

...."This book of the law [the Word of God] shall not depart from [always be in] your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful [take heed] to do according to all that is written in it; for THEN you will make your way prosperous, and THEN you will have success".... Joshua 1:8 NASB

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FAITH FOR GOD'S PROVISION

[part 1 of 7]

Receiving God's Provision is Hindered by Unbelief

Israel & the Promised Land – Numbers 13:26-33; Hebrews 3:14-19; 4:1-3

* God gave Israel the Promised Land. It was theirs as far as God was concerned, but they had to seize the God-given opportunity to possess it. God told them that He would send an angel to drive out the enemies before them. But an angel wouldn't do it on his own, God's people had to be *obedient* in order to get angelic help. (Exodus 23:20-23)

They knew what God said, but they didn't take advantage of their opportunity to possess the land of promise. They fixed their attention on the problem rather than God's promise. "There are giants over there," they complained. That was certainly true, but the giants had nothing at all to do with what God said.

The people had "grasshopper" vision, which caused them to lose their God-given opportunity. And their failure to act in faith concerning God's Word caused an entire generation to die in the wilderness.

The Scripture states, "*So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.*" (Hebrews 3:19)

The bottom line was that they didn't mix faith with what God said, and fear stole their God-given opportunity from them.