

Overcoming for God

Num. 13: 35

The Scripture leading up to this text is amongst the most thrilling I have ever read. For it we have the picture of the Tabernacle with a cloud hovering over it during the day time and a pillar of fire by night. And this was not happening in the midst of just a band full of people for Moses is heard to say, "The people among whom I am are 600,000 footmen. A multitude 200 times as large as New Albany."

Now these people were a chosen people to carry forward God's Kingdom. This people was to be preserved for ault of it was to come the Christ. Out of it was to come the Christian religion with a Paul in it.

Now there was a program before this people. For this program was the land of Canaan which was to be possessed. Before this could be successfully done there were elements of preparation necessary.

- a. They had to find out what was over there.
- b. ^{Spies} Then were sent to make this survey. And instructed Moses to send twelve men.

These instructions were obeyed and they gave in the land to be flowing with milk and honey. ^{by the investigation of the spies} a place well worth possessing. It took two men to carry one bunch of grapes pomegranates and figs and various delicious fruits filled the land. I can see the people throng about these spies to hear this glowing report. A sight perhaps more thrilling than when a man comes in from Wallerville saying that they have struck oil.

This was the bright side of the report. "Havabeit" said they, "the people who dwell in the land are strong, the Amorites dwell in the hill country and the Canaanites by the sea and the Jordan." It is well worth possessing but it will take something to do it, we always see a giant in the way.

Then Caleb stands up and stills the people and says, "Let us go up at once and possess it for we are able to overcome it." ^{at once} ~~it will take something to do it~~ ^{if you can just get a program delayed you will fail it.}

Then the other members of the party with the exception of Joshua throw in their vote of pessimism. "we are not able to go up against the people for they are stronger than we . . . and we were in our own right as grass hoppers and so we were in their right." If you call yourself a grass hopper for while not too big a real job.

* Now dear friends, the church of today is Israel out in the wilderness amongst difficulties. All around us are human hearts that were made for the Kingdom to dwell in but which at present are unconverted. More than half the white people in this are out of the church and in the hands of the enemy to our souls. Those hearts could bear fruit superior to the grapes of Canaan if won from the enemy.

Will we back down and say we are not able to win or will we be a Caleb and say, "Let us go up at once and possess the land for we are able to overcome it"?

The country lies round about us here. It is filled with boys and girls the friend blood any where. But they do not

3 Have the advantage of Church every Sunday and of Sunday school.

God is giving us an opportunity now through our laymen and women to fill the country pulpits every Sunday and give the noble boys and girls of the country a chance that they have not had.

It is worth our while to give our lives for the Country Child for nearly 50% of the preachers come from there not with-
standing their poor advantages. We shall say so to those preachers from country.

Ill. Told by Dr. Morelock: "Mountainier came to town walked in to a store and said: "Do you want to have some?" "yes" and merchant "what have you got?" "I've got - egg" "what do you want for it?" "a darning needle" etc

As a church we must go up and possess the land for God for we are able to do it.

The immediate things for us to pos-
sess: 1. Our lives

2. Country around us. And we will do this best when we have gone out to see what is there.

3. Build a church

* The Church has not possessed this land

