

**April 07**

**Scripture Reading: Numbers 13:1-33**

**Faith in God will give courage to our hearts and victory in our deeds**

When the Israelites reached the wilderness of Paran, God commanded Moses to select 12 rulers from the twelve tribes of Israel and send them into the land of Canaan to spy it. The 12 rulers went around Canaan spying the land and came back in forty days bring from there good fruits unto Moses. They came and reported Moses saying, "Just as God said, the land of Canaan is a land flowing with milk and honey. But the giants living in there cannot be defeated by us. If we go there, surely we shall be destroyed by those people". This was the bad report they had brought. The faithlessness called worldly wisdom brought discouragement to people through them. Nevertheless, just Caleb and Joshua among them spoke positively saying, "When God is with us, we can surely overcome them".

**Question:**

What is the reason for the disbelief of the ten rulers out of the twelve? What was the reason behind the faith the other two had?

**Answer:**

A young man who dearly loved God, thanked Him for splitting the red sea. But a friend of his who thinks of himself as a wise discerner said that it is was not a sea that God split but rather a small stream, it was divided because of a strong wind pressure. Immediately the young man said, 'Oh! Then thanks be to God even more, for He destroyed the Egyptians in such a small stream'. Love will increase your faith. The faith in us will begin to diminish when we fail to recognize and remember the miracles that God had done in our life. 1) The ten out of the twelve rulers saw only *the blessings of God* when he sent plagues over the Egyptians, when He divided the red sea, when the bitter waters of Marah was sweetened, when they were fed in the wilderness with manna, etc. 2. The rest two saw *the love of God* whenever he performed a miracle for them. Therefore, the love they had towards God guarded their faith.

Are you seeking God? (Or) are you seeking only the blessings that comes from God?

**"For whatsoever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith". 1 John 5:4**

**Prayer**

Almighty God, we believe that there is nothing impossible with you. We often are discouraged by our situations. Forgive us father, give us grace to be zealous in our faith. Amen