

Deut. 2:1 "Then we turned and took our journey into
220 THE TRAGEDY OF TURNING BACK, the wilderness."
(KADESH-BARNEA), NUMBERS CHS. 13 & 14, 32:6-13, DEUT. CH. 1.

INTRODUCTION: TYPICAL MEANING OF
CANAAN, THE BELIEVER'S VICTORIOUS REST IN CHRIST,
EXODUS, REDEMPTION, SALVATION, CONVERSION,
KADESH-BARNEA, THE CRISIS OF TRUSTING GOD IN COMPLETE CONSECRATION.
(THIS COULD AND SHOULD HAVE BEEN TO THEM WHAT THE CROSSING
OF THE JORDAN WAS TO THE NEXT GENERATION.)
SENDING OUT THE SPIES REVEALED THEIR UNBELIEF —
SHUTTING GOD OUT. (SEE DEUT. 1:21-22)

I. WHAT THEY TURNED BACK FROM:

1. REST
2. VICTORY
3. FRUIT
4. BLESSING, COMMUNION, FELLOWSHIP

II. WHAT THEY TURNED BACK TO:

1. FAILURE
2. MURMURING
3. LUSTING FOR WHAT THEY HAD NO RIGHT TO HAVE.
4. RESTLESSNESS
5. FRUITLESSNESS
6. DISCONTENT
7. UNSATISFIED LONGING
8. (TURNING BACK IS NOT ONLY LACK OF FAITH, BUT REBELLION).

III. WHEN WE COME TO OUR KADESH-BARNEA:

1. A CRISIS EXPERIENCE OF TESTING OF OUR FAITH AND PATIENCE.
2. CONSECRATION TO HOLY LIVING AND FRUITFUL SERVICE.

IV. HOW TO CROSS OVER INTO CANAAN REST AND BLESSEDNESS.

1. SEE IN GOD'S WORD THAT HE HAS SOMETHING BETTER FOR YOU.
2. SEE THAT IT IS NOT BY THE POWER OR WORKS OF THE LAW.
3. SEE THAT THERE IS POWER IN JESUS CHRIST TO GIVE YOU THIS CONDITION OF BLESSED REST AND VICTORY.
4. BY FAITH DEFINITELY APPROPRIATE THIS VICTORY AS YOUR POSSESSION.
If ye be willing and obedient ye shall eat the good of the land.

V. THE TRAGEDY OF TURNING BACK.

1. WHAT WE LOSE OF THE LAND OF MILK AND HONEY
2. WHAT WE ENDURE IN A PROLONGED WILDERNESS EXPERIENCE.
3. IF WE CHANGE OUR MINDS TOMORROW, IT MAY THEN BE TOO LATE.
IT IS NOT A QUESTION OF MISSING ETERNAL LIFE, BUT
A QUESTION OF MISSING GOD'S CHOICEST BLESSING.
4. YOUR TURNING BACK MAY BE KEEPING SOMEONE ELSE FROM CROSSING OVER.

VI. WHAT ABOUT THOSE OF YOU WHO TURNED BACK YEARS AGO
FROM YOUR KADESH-BARNEA?

1. GOD'S GRACE WAS WITH THEM EVEN IN THE WILDERNESS.
2. IT IS BETTER HUMBLY TO ENDURE GOD'S DISCIPLINE THAN TO TRY TO TAKE MATTERS INTO YOUR HAND.
3. TO MANY OF THEM (THOSE UNDER 20 YEARS OLD) GOD GAVE ANOTHER CHANCE AND 40 YEARS LATER THEY CROSSED OVER THE JORDAN WITH JOSHUA THEIR LEADER.

1. TAKE THEM TURNED BACK FROM:
2. IT IS BETTER HUMBLY TO ENDURE GOD'S DISCIPLINE THAN TO TRY TO TAKE MATTERS INTO YOUR HAND.

7. B. Metzger: "If you are not willing to forsake every thing for God, then are you ready to say,
"I am willing to be made willing?"

"O THE BITTER PAIN AND SORROW, THAT A TIME COULD EVER BE,
WHEN I PROUDLY SAID TO JESUS, ALL OF SELF AND NONE OF THEE.

YET HE FOUND ME, I BEHELD HIM, BLEEDING ON THE ACCURSED TREE,
AND MY WISTFUL HEART SAID FAINTLY, SOME OF SELF AND SOME OF
THEE.

GIVING
DAY BY DAY HIS TENDER MERCIES, ~~HE~~, HELPING, FULL, AND FREE,
BROUGHT ME LOWER, WHILE I WHISPERED, LESS OF SELF AND MORE OF THEE.

HIGHER THAN THE HIGHEST HEAVENS, DEEPER THAN THE DEEPEST SEA,
LORD, THY LOVE AT LAST HATH CONQUERED, NONE OF SELF AND ALL OF THEI

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CHOCOLATION OF REBIRTH APPROPRIATE THE VICTORY VS YOUR POSSESSION.

5. THE TRAGEDY OF TURNING BACK
6. THAT WE LOSE OF THE LOVE OF JESUS AND HECK
7. THAT WE ENDURE IN A SORROWFUL MELANCHOLY EXPERIENCE.
8. IF WE OWNED OUR MINDS TO JESUS, IT MAY TURN BE TOO LATE
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