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# Preparation and Promise

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**Four hundred years of oppression was the divinely appointed time of preparation, thus leading to the fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham.**

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**I will give to you and to your descendants after you, the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.**

**Genesis 17:8**

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**Then the LORD spoke to Moses saying, “Send out for yourself men so that they may spy out the land of Canaan, which I am going to give to the sons of Israel...”**

**Numbers 13:1-2**



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- 1. He said he would do this within his covenant promise to Abraham (Genesis 17:8)**
- 2. He showcased his power and glory by delivering them out of Egypt (Exodus 20:2)**

**3. He provided for their every need  
while within the wilderness  
(Exodus 15-17)**

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**Moses sent them to spy  
out the land of Canaan...**

**Numbers 13:17**



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**These questions weren't designed to add hesitation or concern, it was to demonstrate the full potential of everything God had promised them.**

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**“So I have come down to deliver them from the power of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey...”**

**Exodus 3:8**

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**Thus they told him, and said,  
“We went in to the land where  
you sent us; and it certainly  
does flow with milk and honey,  
and this is its fruit.  
Nevertheless, the people who  
live in the land are strong,**

**Numbers 13:27-28,31**

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**and the cities are fortified and very large; and moreover, we saw the descendants of Anak there...we are not able to go up against the people, for they are too strong for us.”**

**Numbers 13:27-28,31**

**Thus the sons of Israel  
did; according to all  
which the LORD had  
commanded Moses, so  
they did.**

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**All the sons of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron; and the whole congregation said to them, “Would that we had died in the land of Egypt! Or would that we had died in this wilderness? Why is the LORD bringing us into the land...would it not be better for us to return to Egypt?”**

**Numbers 14:2-3**



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**This is rebellion's  
sum total: Israel is  
ascribing evil to God  
and rejecting His gift  
of salvation.**

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**Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces in the presence of all the assembly of the congregation of the sons of Israel...Joshua and Caleb, those who had spied the land, tore their clothes.**

**Numbers 14:5-6**

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**The lesson for us is seen in  
the difference between  
glancing and gazing.**

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**To glance** at something  
is to look at it sideways,  
or partially.

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**To gaze** at something is  
to look steadily and  
intently.

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**His glory mattered for  
their good.**



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**“If you fear the Lord, you will be free from the fear of your enemies; if you forget God, you will inevitably fear men.”**

**Iain Duguid**

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**Where are you fixing your  
gaze today?**

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**Promises and provisions  
provide peace.**

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**When we gaze at ourselves, and only glance at God, we minimize our sins and diminish his holiness.**

**“But now, I pray, let the power of the Lord be great, just as You have declared.”**

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**“Pardon, I pray, the iniquity of this people according to the greatness of Your lovingkindness, just as You also have forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now.”**

**Numbers 14:19**



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**God provided His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.**

**Romans 5:8**

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