

WHERE GOD'S PEOPLE MESS UP  
PART 3  
PSALM 106:24-27

Introduction

This is our third week of looking at this **confessional prayer for pardon**. If you missed either of the first two messages, let me encourage you to please go to our website and catch up on the details of what you have missed.

I'm just going to briefly summarize the first two points we've looked at. God's People (Israel) had messed up in back in Moses' Day and they continued to mess up in the same ways all the way until the LORD finally had enough and allowed them to be carried out of the Land Of Promise into captivity in a foreign land!

The writer of this Psalm (Daniel ?) is both confessing and identifying with these sins of Israel and the nation of Judah that go all the way back to Moses day!

In the first message we saw that ISRAEL'S first mess up was:

- I. **THEY UNDERSTOOD NOT GOD'S WONDERS!** (*Vs 7*)  
It was a series of miraculous things that **GOD** had done for **ISRAEL** to bring her out of **EGYPTIAN BONDAGE!** But **ISRAEL** failed to understand **GOD'S WONDERS** on their behalf!

We said that we too can be guilty of not understanding **GOD'S WONDERS** that **HE** has done and continues to do on our behalf!

I'm speaking of what **GOD** did to bring us to **SALVATION** and more.

Our continual mantra should be "**GOD IS SO GOOD, HE'S SO GOOD TO ME!**"

Then, in the last message we saw that **ISRAEL** also messed up in that:

- II. **THEY REMEMBERED NOT GOD'S WORKS!** (*Vs 13*)  
We could say that they had short memories!

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The LORD did something good for them and they even sang **HIS** praises, but four days later when they faced another challenge, they had totally forgotten what the LORD had previously done for them! They went back to griping and complaining!

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Now, let's look at a third area **WHERE GOD'S PEOPLE MESSED UP:**

- III. **THEY BELIEVED NOT GOD'S WORD!**  
(*Psalm 106:24-27, cf. Deuter. 1:6-8; Numbers 13:26-33; 14:1-11*)

- A. **Let's See The WORD The LORD GOD Gave To The Children Of ISRAEL!** (*Deuteronomy 1:6-8*)

This was to be the **LORD'S** fulfillment of the **ABRAHAMIC COVENANT** given to **ABRAHAM** (*Genesis 12:7; 15:18; 17:7-8*), **ISAAC** (*Genesis 26:3-4*); and **JACOB** (*Genesis 28:13*)!

This is the **WORD** that **JOSEPH** had faith in when he told the Children of **ISRAEL** at his death to carry his bones out of **EGYPT** with them when the **LORD** visited them to fulfill this **WORD!** (*Genesis 50:24-25*)

- B. **Let's See How The Children Of ISRAEL'S Actions Proved Their Unbelief!**

1. **They Were Determined To Send Spies Into The Land Before They Went In To Possess It!**  
(*Deuteronomy 1:21-26; Numbers 13:17-20*)

They weren't convinced that the **LORD** would fulfill **HIS WORD**, so they had to **SEE** what they were getting into before they decided they were going in!

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- a. Was The Land Fertile Or Barren?
- b. Were The Cities Fortified Or Unprotected?
- c. Were The People Strong Or Weak?

All of the things they were looking at were irrelevant because the **LORD GOD** had told them what kind of land it was and that **HE** would give them victory over the inhabitants of the land!

2. So The **LORD** Allowed Them And Even Ordered Them To Send Their Spies According To His Dictates! (*Numbers 13:1-2*)

One man from each tribe who was a ruler within their tribe so that no tribe could claim they were slighted!

3. We See The Spirit With Which They Were To Go! (*Numbers 13:20*)

Rather than **BEING OF GOOD COURAGE** (which can only come when you are convinced the **LORD** is with you), they entered the land with **DOUBT** and **SKEPTICISM**, which are enemies of **FAITH**!

4. We See The Reports Of The Expedition!

- a. The Majority Report.

(*Numbers 13:26-29; 31-33*)

Their focus was on what they could **SEE** with their physical **EYES**!

[*Geographic obstacles (28), Social obstacles (29), Supernatural obstacles (32,33)*]

These **FAITHLESS** magnified the obstacles and minimized the potential.

- b. The Minority Report. (*Numbers 13:30;14:6-9*)

Their focus was on what they **BELIEVED** based on the **WORD OF GOD**!

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[*Geographic opportunity (6,7), Spiritual and Supernatural opportunity (8-9)*]

These two **FAITHFUL** magnified the **LORD** and minimized the problems!

5. We See The Response Of The People!

(*Numbers 14:1-4, 10a*)

*Psalm 106:23*–“*Yea they despised the pleasant land...*”

The word “*despised*” here means “*refuse, reject*”.

6. Moses Even Scolded Them For Their Unbelief After They Heard The Evil Report From The Ten Spies: (*Deuteronomy 1:29–33*)

**All of the actions of the majority showed their unbelief!**

*Their wanting to send the spies in, the spirit they went in [doubt and skepticism], believing the majority evil report, their desire to return to Egypt, and their desire to stone Joshua and Caleb who brought them the minority report that was full of faith in the LORD GOD, their failure to listen to their GOD appointed leader, Moses!*

- C. The **LORD** Revealed To Moses **HIS** Perspective Of What Happened:

*Numbers 14:11*–“*And the LORD said unto Moses, How long will this people provoke me? and how long will it be ere they believe me, for all the signs which I have shewed among them?*”

The word “*provoke*” here means “*to spurn; to treat disrespectfully; discard.*”

They didn't believe the **WORD OF GOD** and in so doing were inasmuch **implying that the LORD was a liar!**

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Let's look at the exhortation that is given to us in *Hebrews 3:7-13* in light of this! Because sometimes **WE** don't believe the **LORD'S WORD** like we should.

The word "*provocation*" here in *verse 7* means "*revolt, rebellion.*"

#### Conclusion

Anytime we *refuse* or *reject* **GOD'S WORD**, we are *refusing* or *rejecting* **GOD** and **HIS BEST FOR US!**

Don't *harden your heart* against the **WORD OF GOD!**

*Hebrews 11:6*—"*But without faith it is impossible to please him:*

Have you **believed the WORD OF THE LORD** with regard to **HIS SALVATION**? That is **first and foremost** where you can't afford to **reject** or **refuse GOD'S WORD!** If you are trusting anything other than Christ and Christ alone to get you to heaven, then you need to **repent and believe the Gospel!**

If you have believed on the **LORD alone** for your salvation, are you **believing the WORD OF THE LORD** in regard to **living your life as a Believer** or are you **living in disobedience** showing that you are refusing or rejecting the **WORD OF THE LORD?**

#### **WHERE DID GOD'S PEOPLE MESS UP?**

*THEY UNDERSTOOD NOT...REMEMBERED NOT...BELIEVED NOT...*

**We are not done with this chapter, but we are done for this evening.**

#### **What is the remedy for the errors?**

1. Cry out to the Lord. (*Vs 44*) Confession and repentance.
2. Rest in the promises of God. (*Vs 45*)
3. Rest in the mercies of God. (*Vs 46*)
4. Return to the Lord. (*Vs 47*)
5. Praise the Lord. (*Vs 48*)