

Deuteronomy 1:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And ye came near unto me every one of you, and said, We will send men before us, and they shall search us out the land, and bring us word again by what way we must go up, and into what cities we shall come.

Analysis

Israel's suggestion to send spies 'to search us out the land' appears prudent but reveals the seeds of unbelief. While reconnaissance is wise, their request implies uncertainty about God's promise and provision. The phrase 'bring us word again' shows dependence on human assessment rather than divine declaration. This illustrates how reasonable planning can mask faithlessness when it supplants trust in God's clear promises.

Historical Context

This request led to the spy mission of Numbers 13, where 10 spies brought a faithless report despite seeing evidence of God's promise. The incident became a defining moment of unbelief that cost an entire generation entrance into Canaan.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. When does reasonable planning cross into faithless hesitation?
2. How do you discern between wise preparation and distrust of God's promises?

Interlinear Text

נִשְׁלַחַת הִנְצָרָת וְלֹא
וַיֹּאמֶר וְלֹא
כָּלְכָם
אֶלְיָהוּ
וְתִקְרַב וְלֹא
And ye came near H413 H3605 unto me every one of you and said H559 We will send H7971

הַאֲנָשִׁים
אֲנָשִׁים
לִפְנֵי יְהוָה
לִפְנֵי יְהוָה
יְחִפְרוּ
before us and they shall search us out H6440 H2658 H0 H853 the land H776

בְּהַר
גָּעוֹלָה
אֲשֶׁר
פֶּדֶךְ
אֲתָה
דֶּבֶר
אֲתָה
נִשְׁבַּח
בְּהַר
again H853 us word H1697 by what way H1870 H834 we must go up H5927 H0

אֲלִיקָן
בְּאָשֶׁר
קָשָׁר
אֲשֶׁר
וְאֲתָה
and into what cities H5892 H834 H935 we shall come H413

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