

Deuteronomy 1:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And they turned and went up into the mountain, and came unto the valley of Eshcol, and searched it out.

Analysis

The spies' journey 'unto the valley of Eshcol' brought them to exceptionally fertile land, evidenced by the huge cluster of grapes requiring two men to carry (Numbers 13:23). The name 'Eshcol' (cluster) commemorates this abundance. God provided tangible evidence of the land's goodness, yet even seeing didn't guarantee believing—the same evidence that encouraged Joshua and Caleb terrified the other ten spies. Faith interprets facts through God's promises.

Historical Context

The valley of Eshcol was near Hebron in the hill country of Judah, an area later given to Caleb as inheritance (Joshua 14:13-14). The region's fertility confirmed God's description of a land 'flowing with milk and honey,' providing visible proof of His truthful promises.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How does your perspective on challenges change when filtered through God's promises?
2. What evidence of God's goodness are you overlooking due to fear?

Interlinear Text

וּפָּנוּ	וַיָּעַל ו	הָהָרָה	וַיָּבֹאוּ	עַד	בְּחַל
And they turned	and went up	into the mountain	and came	H5704	unto the valley
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אֶשְׁכֹּל ל	וַיִּרְגֵּל ו	אֹתָהּ:			
of Eshcol	and searched it out	H853			
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