

Deuteronomy 1:43

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

So I spake unto you; and ye would not hear, but rebelled against the commandment of the LORD, and went presumptuously up into the hill.

Analysis

Israel's persistent rebellion—'ye would not hear, but rebelled'—demonstrates the pattern of covenant violation. The Hebrew 'tamaradu' (rebelled) indicates willful defiance of divine authority. Having rejected God's command to advance in faith, they now reject His command to refrain. This double rebellion reveals the human heart's natural enmity against God (Romans 8:7). Their presumption in going up 'presumptuously' (Hebrew 'zidu') without authorization illustrates that disobedience takes many forms—both refusal to act in faith and unauthorized religious zeal stem from the same root of self-will.

Historical Context

Describes Israel's reckless military campaign circa 1445 BC despite Moses' explicit warning. They advanced into the hill country without the Ark of the Covenant, without Moses' leadership, and crucially, without God's presence or blessing. This unauthorized offensive against the Amalekites and Canaanites ended in catastrophic defeat (Numbers 14:45).

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How does Israel's pattern of double rebellion (refusing to go when commanded, going when forbidden) reveal the human heart's fundamental self-will?
2. What does 'going up presumptuously' teach about the danger of religious activity undertaken in disobedience?

Interlinear Text

וְאָדָבָר	אֵלַיִךְ מִ	וְלֹא	שָׁמַעְתָּ מִ	וַתִּמְרֹדוּ	אֶת
So I spake	H413	H3808	unto you and ye would not hear	but rebelled	H853
H1696			H8085	H4784	
פִּי	יְהוָה	וַתַּזְדוּ	וַתַּעֲלֶה	הַקֶּרֶחַ:	
against the commandment	of the LORD	presumptuously	and went	into the hill	
H6310	H3068	H2102	H5927	H2022	

Additional Cross-References

Numbers 14:44 (References Lord): But they presumed to go up unto the hill top: nevertheless the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and Moses, departed not out of the camp.