

# Numbers 13:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And what the land is that they dwell in, whether it be good or bad; and what cities they be that they dwell in, whether in tents, or in strong holds;

## Analysis

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Moses' question 'whether they be strong or weak, few or many' reveals that proper reconnaissance involves honest assessment of obstacles. Faith is not ignorance of difficulties but trust in God despite them. The spies were to gather accurate intelligence, not determine whether God could fulfill His promise—that was already settled.

## Historical Context

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Ancient Near Eastern military campaigns regularly sent scouts ahead to assess enemy strength, fortifications, and resources. Moses' instructions followed standard military wisdom while trusting in supernatural intervention, demonstrating that faith complements rather than contradicts prudence.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

## Study Questions

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1. How can you honestly assess challenges while maintaining unwavering trust in God?
2. Where is the line between wise planning and faithless doubt?

## Interlinear Text

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וְיַם הַיָּם אֲשֶׁר הָיָה בְּהָרָקָם  
H4100 And what the land H834 H1931 is that they dwell in H0  
H776 H7451 H4100 H3427

בְּטֻמָּה הַבָּטָמָה אֲשֶׁר הָיָה בְּהַרְחֵב  
whether it be good H1931 H518 or bad H4100 and what cities H834 H1931  
H2896 H7451 H5892

בְּמִבְצָרִים אֲשֶׁר הָיָה בְּבָהָרָקָם  
is that they dwell in in whether in tents or in strong holds H518 H4013  
H3427 H2007 H4264

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