

Numbers 13:33

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.

Analysis

The spies described themselves as 'grasshoppers' compared to the giants (Nephilim/sons of Anak). This self-perception—'so we were in our own sight'—reveals the core problem: they forgot their identity as God's covenant people. Worse, they projected their fear onto enemies: 'so we were in their sight.' Unbelief shrinks saints and magnifies enemies.

Historical Context

The Anakim were renowned for exceptional height, with later references to King Og's massive iron bed (Deuteronomy 3:11). Yet God had promised to drive them out, making their size irrelevant to faithful obedience.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does wrong self-perception ('I'm just a grasshopper') contradict your identity in Christ?
2. What giants in your life appear insurmountable until you remember whose you are?

Interlinear Text

וְשָׁם	וְרָא יָנוּ	אֶת	הַגָּפְלִים	בְּנֵי י	עֲנָן ק	מִן	הַגָּפְלִים
H8033	And there we saw	H853	the giants	the sons	of Anak	H4480	the giants
	H7200		H5303	H1121	H6061		H5303
וְנָה' י	בְּעֵינֵיהֶם:		כְּחֹגְבֵי ים	וְיָכֹ	יָנוּ יָנוּ		
H1961	and so we were in their sight		as grasshoppers	H3651	H1961		
	H5869		H2284				
	בְּעֵינֵיהֶם:						
	and so we were in their sight						
	H5869						

Additional Cross-References

Deuteronomy 1:28 (Parallel theme): Whither shall we go up? our brethren have discouraged our heart, saying, The people is greater and taller than we; the cities are great and walled up to heaven; and moreover we have seen the sons of the Anakims there.

Isaiah 40:22 (Parallel theme): It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in:

Genesis 6:4 (Parallel theme): There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.

Deuteronomy 3:11 (Parallel theme): For only Og king of Bashan remained of the remnant of giants; behold, his bedstead was a bedstead of iron; is it not in Rabbath of the children of Ammon? nine cubits was the length thereof, and four cubits the breadth of it, after the cubit of a man.

Deuteronomy 9:2 (Parallel theme): A people great and tall, the children of the Anakims, whom thou knowest, and of whom thou hast heard say, Who can stand before the children of Anak!

1 Samuel 17:42 (Parallel theme): And when the Philistine looked about, and saw David, he disdained him: for he was but a youth, and ruddy, and of a fair countenance.

1 Chronicles 11:23 (Parallel theme): And he slew an Egyptian, a man of great stature, five cubits high; and in the Egyptian's hand was a spear like a weaver's beam; and he went down to him with a staff, and plucked the spear out of the Egyptian's hand, and slew him with his own spear.

Deuteronomy 2:10 (Parallel theme): The Emims dwelt therein in times past, a people great, and many, and tall, as the Anakims;

Numbers 13:22 (Parallel theme): And they ascended by the south, and came unto Hebron; where Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmi, the children of Anak, were. (Now Hebron was built seven years before Zoan in Egypt.)