

led to its dying out in various areas. And when people simply take the attitude, Well we don't need to worry about it because God will certainly not allow His Word to die out in a particular area, a particular section, a particular church, a particular organization; we have no Scriptural warrant for that. If we are faithful, if we follow Him, if we endeavor as we should, we can look for His marvellous ~~but~~ blessing upon our efforts. If we do not we cannot simply fold our hands and say, Well God will carry it on. God will carry~~ing~~ on His work throughout the world, He will carry on His~~szp~~ purpose as a whole, but as to particular portions of it, he causes that its success or failure depends to a very great extent on whether His people are truly faithful or not. Now we come to

**K. The Ineffectual Repentance.** This is in my mind one of the saddest accounts in the Scripture. It is I think a very dramatic incident, and a very sad incident, and one which has much to say to us. We read here, I'm going to read you the passage== the ineffectual repentance -- vs. 39 - 45. (Reading text Read vs. 39-40 of Num. 14) Isn't this wonderful? God has said to the people, You should go here. God will protect you. He is able to give you deliverance against the people of Canaan. They are filled with fear. They say, We can't possibly meet them. They say, No we won't go. But now, when Moses says Well they you are going to wander 40 yrs. in the wilderness, you are all going to die there. <sup>were</sup> Your children will go in. Now then the people say, We have sinned. We are wrong. We are going up and take the land that the Lord has promised. Just exactly what they should have done and said at an earlier period. But it was now too late. The opportunity was gone. The punishment had to come. They had failed the Lord. God would carry out the world through their children but not through them. So they rose up early in the morning, They said, We're here, we'll go up to the place the Lord has promised. We have sinned. And Moses didn't say, That's wonderful. God. Moses said, Wherefore now do ye transgress the commandment of the Lord? But it shall not prosper. Go~~z~~ not up, for the Lord is not among you; that ye be not smitten before your enemies. For the Amalekites and the Canaanites are there before you, and ye shall fall by the sword; because ye are turned away from the Lord, therefore the Lord will not be with you. But they presumed to go up unto the hilltop; nevertheless the ark of the cov. of the Lord, and Moses, departed not out of the camp.