

The OT in the Life of the Christian

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Lecture XXVI

If there are any of you who are planning to go tomorrow and find you can't, I wish you'd let Mr. Clark know as soon as possible because it is very important to get these books down here. We are surely fortunate that the Lord has given us the opportunity to get them - this library. We'll be way ahead of where we would be in 20 yrs. so far as library is concerned; way ahead of where we've ever been since I've been teaching in seminary, and it is a wonderful thing that we can have it. Of course tomorrow will merely be a good start on getting it but they will be our first selection in the division of it, and it will be extremely helpful if we can get those tomorrow. So if you -- I do hope nobody will back out tomorrow morning or tonight. If you can't go please let us know right soon so he can try to get somebody else.

We've been discussing the incident of the spies; the incident of where the spies were sent into the land and they brought back the word that it was a good land but that the people were too strong. they couldn't possibly take it. And the Israelites were so frightened that they raised tremendous objection to the whole business and God gave the order that they must stay in the wilderness 40 yrs. Till that whole generation was gone and only Caleb and Joshua of all of them would enter into the land of promise. Then we noticed their unavailing repentance when they said, O well we will go and they started and Moses said, Don't, You've lost your chance and they went anyway and were driven back and defeated. That was K. Now

L. (under VII) is the Relation of this Event to God's General Plan. I want to take a few minutes just thinking about this. That is God's order that the Israelites stay in the wilderness now until all but Caleb and Joshua were dead, as a result of their attitude in relation to their going up and conquering the land now. How are we to interpret this? Did God intend that the people should come out of Egypt and go straight up into Palestine, and then the people rebelled and so God punished them? Was their attitude the cause of God's decision and the postponement for 40 yrs. of their going?