

has been made already, and there it is. It is ~~all~~ all there on the film and you turn it on and it runs. You look at it and you see people get all excited and they waves their arms, they yell and they question a thing, but you know that actually it has been made already and stuck in there and it's going to come out exactly that way and so what they do has absolutely ~~nothing~~ nothing to do with it. It's just a pre-determined picture running in front of you. And some people seem to think of life almost as if it was that way. Well that is very definitely not the Scriptural teaching. Our choices are real. We are responsible for our acts. Every one of us is a sinner; everyone of us has that in his nature and in his attitude which is utterly wrong and reprehensible and we deserve punishment for it and we will receive punishment for it and we are responsible to make decisions that are in line with God's will. And therefore it is absolutely true to say that the Israelites with their sin, with their refusal to trust God, with their saying O this is terrible, these people are so strong up in this land they will destroy us, we can't go there; we've just been brought out here to die and they refused to trust God. It is altogether proper to say the necessary result of this. but that God said you people will suffer for this, you must stay here in the wilderness; you must wander about in the wilderness for 40 yrs. before you go into the land. And your children will go in but no one of you will go in. That is absolutely true, but that does not mean that that is the only reason or the whole reason that God did as He did. And it does not mean that God decided right ~~then~~ then what He was going to do. God had predetermined what He was going to do; God knew what he was going to do and the sending of the spies and the reaction of the people was a means of making clear and obvious the fact that the people were not ready to go into the land. The people had been brought out of Egypt by God's great power. Now it was necessary to take Egy. out of the people. It was necessary that this generation which came out of Egy. not go in but that a new generation should be raised in the wilderness, taught God's law in the wilderness, prepared for the going in, trained for the great conquest that was ahead and made ready before they go in. ~~So~~ So when it says, that the people sinned and the people's refusal to trust God was such that God said, No you shall not go in. You