

# Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

## HOW TO FUNCTION IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES

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### PART 7B: THE FAILURE IN THE WILDERNESS

#### HINDSIGHT IS 20/20

Looking back in time to an event that took place some 4,000 years ago, it is obvious that God had planned every event for the children of Israel. But we must remember that when the exodus was in progress, the people were just like we are today, living in the present without the ability to see into the future. The children of Israel failed to look back and see the hand of God in their lives, and most people today, are guilty of the very same thing. **Judges 8:33-34; Psalm 77:11-20**

#### THE CONSEQUENCE OF REJECTING GOD

It is extremely important that the believer in Christ understands that God is merciful and loving, but if we reject and continue to reject his love, there is a day of reckoning. **Hebrews 3:7-19**

#### THE FINAL TESTING OF THE ADULTS FROM EGYPT

- God wanted to bring in all the people he had brought out of Egypt into the Promised Land, but they had to pass *a faith test!* **Numbers 13:1-3, 16-25**
- When the leaders of the twelve tribes came back, they brought an evil report. **Numbers 13:26-33**
- Only one man, Caleb believed in God. **verse 30**
- Once the people heard the evil report, all their faith in God was cast away and they became angry and resentful toward God and Moses. **Numbers 14:1-4**
- Not even Moses could still them in their unbelief and anger. **verses 5-9**
- They were fed up with God, and desired to kill Moses. **verse 10**
- God had enough; he was going to kill them all. **verses 11-12**
- Moses intervened for the people. **verses 13-19**
- God forgave them, but they were not allowed to enter the land of Canaan. Those who were 20 years old and upward were sentenced to die and wander in the wilderness for the next 40 years because of their unbelief. **verses 20-37**
- Only Joshua and Caleb were spared from this sentence and allowed to enter the Promised Land! **verse 38**
- When the people heard their sentence, they began to grieve! But it was too late; their chance to enter the Promised Land was gone forever! They tried to repent, but God refused to accept it! **verses 39-41**
- The people tried in their own power to enter the Promised Land and failed, which resulted in many of them being killed. **verses 42-45**

*Where are you on the road of life?* **John 6:60-71**

**Do you have an ear to hear with?**

