

What can God do through my life when the belief of my heart and the words of my mouth agree with His Word?

Is God hindered in my life when what I believe in my heart and say with my mouth don't agree with His Word?

Psalm 78:40-42 –

40 How often they provoked Him in the wilderness, And grieved Him in the desert!

41 Yes, again and again they tempted God, And **limited the Holy One of Israel**.

42 They did not remember His power: The day when He redeemed them from the enemy,

Psalm 81:10-16 –

10 I am the LORD your God, Who brought you out of the land of Egypt; Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.

11 "But My people would not heed My voice, And Israel would have none of Me.

12 So I gave them over to their own stubborn heart, To walk in their own counsels.

13 "Oh, that My people would listen to Me, That Israel would walk in My ways!

14 I **would have** subdued their enemies, And turned My hand against their adversaries.

15 The haters of the LORD would pretend submission to Him, But their fate would endure forever.

16 He **would have** fed them also with the finest of wheat; And with honey from the rock I **would have** satisfied you."

What are the "would haves" in our lives? How do we learn from what happened to the children of Israel?

Exodus 23:20-33 –

20 See, I am sending an angel ahead of you to guard you along the way and to bring you to the place I have prepared.

21 Pay attention to him and listen to what he says. Do not rebel against him; he will not forgive your rebellion, since my Name is in him.

22 If you listen carefully to what he says and **do all that I say**, I will be an enemy to your enemies and will oppose those who oppose you.

23 My angel will go ahead of you and bring you into the land of the Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Canaanites, Hivites and Jebusites, and ***I will wipe them out.***

24 Do not bow down before their gods or worship them or follow their practices. You must demolish them and break their sacred stones to pieces.

25 Worship the LORD your God, and his blessing will be on your food and water. ***I will*** take away sickness from among you,

26 and none will miscarry or be barren in your land. ***I will*** give you a full life span.

27 "***I will*** send my terror ahead of you and throw into confusion every nation you encounter. ***I will*** make all your enemies turn their backs and run.

28 ***I will*** send the hornet ahead of you to drive the Hivites, Canaanites, and Hittites out of your way.

29 But ***I will not drive them out in a single year***, because the land would become desolate and the wild animals too numerous for you.

30 Little by little ***I will*** drive them out before you, until you have increased enough to take possession of the land.

31 "***I will*** establish your borders from the Red Sea to the Sea of the Philistines, and from the desert to the River. ***I will*** hand over to you the people who live in the land and ***you will drive them out*** before you.

32 Do not make a covenant with them or with their gods.

33 Do not let them live in your land, or they will cause you to sin against me, because the worship of their gods will certainly be a snare to you."

Exodus 24:1-3 –

1 Then he said to Moses, "Come up to the LORD, you and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel. You are to worship at a distance,

2 but Moses alone is to approach the LORD; the others must not come near. And the people may not come up with him."

3 When Moses went and told the people all the LORD's words and laws, they responded with one voice, "**Everything the LORD has said we will do.**"

Numbers 13:1-2 –

1 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2 You send men, that they may search the land of Canaan, which ***I give*** to the children of Israel: of every tribe of their fathers shall you send a man, every one a ruler among them.

Numbers 13:26-33 -

26 Now they departed and came back to Moses and Aaron and all the congregation of the children of Israel in the Wilderness of Paran, at Kadesh; they **brought back word** to them and to all the congregation, and showed them the fruit of the land.

27 Then they told him, and said: "We went to the land where you sent us. It truly flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit.

28 **Nevertheless** the people who dwell in the land are strong; the cities are fortified and very large; moreover **we saw** the descendants of Anak there.

29 The Amalekites dwell in the land of the South; the Hittites, the Jebusites, and the Amorites dwell in the mountains; and the Canaanites dwell by the sea and along the banks of the Jordan."

30 Then Caleb quieted the people before Moses, and said, "Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are **well able to overcome it.**"

31 But the men who had gone up with him said, "**We are not able** to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we."

32 And they gave the children of Israel **an evil report** of the land which they had spied out, saying, "The land through which we have gone as spies is a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people whom we saw in it are men of great stature.

33 There we saw the giants (the descendants of Anak came from the giants); and we were like grasshoppers in **our own sight**, and so we were **in their sight.**"

The Bible calls an "evil report" lifting what you see above the Word of God.

According to the natural circumstances, were they really able to take the land?

Numbers 14:1-11 -

1 So all the congregation lifted up their voices and cried, and the people wept that night.

2 And all the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron, and the whole congregation said to them, "If only we had died in the land of Egypt! Or if only we had died in this wilderness!

3 Why has the LORD brought us to this land to fall by the sword, that our wives and children should become victims? Would it not be better for us to return to Egypt?"

4 So they said to one another, "Let us select a leader and return to Egypt."

5 Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the children of Israel.

6 But Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had spied out the land, tore their clothes;

7 and they spoke to all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying: "The land we passed through to spy out is an exceedingly good land.

8 If the LORD delights in us, then He will bring us into this land and give it to us, 'a land which flows with milk and honey.'

9 Only **do not rebel against the LORD**, nor fear the people of the land, for they are our bread; **their protection has departed from them**, and the LORD is with us. Do not fear them."

10 And all the congregation said to stone them with stones. Now the glory of the LORD appeared in the tabernacle of meeting before all the children of Israel.

11 Then the LORD said to Moses: "How long will these people **reject Me**? And how long will they **not believe Me**, with all the signs which I have performed among them?"

God says that "rejecting His Word" is the same as "rejecting Him" and "rebellious against Him."

Numbers 14:26-32 –

26 And the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying,

27 "How long shall I bear with this evil congregation who complains against Me? I have heard the complaints which the children of Israel make against Me.

28 Say to them, 'As I live,' says the LORD, '**just as you have spoken in My hearing, so I will do to you:**

29 The carcasses of you who have complained against Me shall fall in this wilderness, all of you who were numbered, according to your entire number, from twenty years old and above.

30 Except for Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun, you shall by no means enter the land which I swore I would make you dwell in.

31 But your little ones, whom you said would be victims, I will bring in, and they shall know **the land which you have despised**.

32 But as for you, your carcasses shall fall in this wilderness.

1,500,000 people divided by 14,600 days meant that 102 people died daily for 40 years.

Joshua 14:6-14 –

6 Then the children of Judah came to Joshua in Gilgal. And Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to him: "You know ***the word which the LORD said*** to Moses the man of God concerning you and me in Kadesh Barnea.

7 I was forty years old when Moses the servant of the LORD sent me from Kadesh Barnea to spy out the land, and ***I brought back word to him as it was in my heart.***

8 Nevertheless my brethren who went up with me made the heart of the people melt, but I ***wholly followed*** the LORD my God.

9 So Moses swore on that day, saying, '***Surely the land where your foot has trodden shall be your inheritance and your children's forever, because you have wholly followed the LORD my God.***'

10 And now, behold, the LORD has kept me alive, ***as He said***, these forty-five years, ever since the LORD spoke this word to Moses while Israel wandered in the wilderness; and now, here I am this day, eighty-five years old.

11 As yet I am as strong this day as on the day that Moses sent me; just as my strength was then, so now is my strength for war, both for going out and for coming in.

12 Now therefore, ***give me this mountain*** of which ***the LORD spoke*** in that day; for you heard in that day how the Anakim were there, and that the cities were great and fortified. It may be that the LORD will be with me, and I shall be able to drive them out ***as the LORD said.***"

13 And Joshua blessed him, and gave Hebron to Caleb the son of Jephunneh as an inheritance.

14 Hebron therefore became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite to this day, ***because*** he ***wholly followed*** the LORD God of Israel.

Was it the will of God for all of the children of Israel to possess the land?

What made the difference between "receiving" from God and "not receiving"?