

Introduction:

There are times and places recorded in history when great victories and great defeats occurred. Places such as Waterloo, Gettysburg, Midway, and Watergate turned the tide of history. Slogans such as "Remember the Alamo" stirred up a nation. Event dates such as 9-11 cause us to remember the events of that day. The Jews may very well have said, "Remember Kadesh Barnea!"

I) A LOOK AT THE TEXT

A) God promised the Jews the land of Canaan and told them to go and take it

1. They decided to send out twelve spies. Why?
2. When the spies came back, the people murmured in their tents, *v. 27*.
3. *Exodus 16.1-3* goes along with *1 Corinthians 10.10*
4. They gave a reason not to obey God, *v. 28*
5. Then they received encouragement, *v. 29-33*

B) They rebelled and received the penalty for disobedience, *Numbers 14.26-34*

1. They will die in the wilderness, *v. 29*
2. The 10 spies will die in the wilderness, *v. 35-37*

3. That generation will not have the land, *v. 39-45*

II) REMEMBER KADESH BARNEA

A) Do not murmur or complain

1. Some people are good at picking apart others, gossip, etc.
2. We are to do all things without complaining, *Phil. 2.14-16*
3. If something is unscriptural stand up and expose it, otherwise support it.

B) The Jews died in the wilderness because of their lack of faith

1. Faith is active, alive, and moves us to action.
2. When was the last time your faith moved you into action?
3. Faith is required in baptism, making the "first talk", standing up for the truth, going to a brother in sin, *1 Kings 18.21*.

C) Rebellion is not doing God's will

1. Are we unofficially changing God's Law?
2. Do we want to obey God but only on our terms?
3. The problem with some is not a lack of faith (knowledge) but a lack of conviction, *Luke 17.5-10*

D) Man often has an improper attitude and understanding of God

1. The Jews decided to out vote God.
2. See a different attitude in *Acts 15*
 - i. Direct statement, *vv. 15-17*
 - ii. Approved example, *v. 12 (Hebrews 2.3-4)*
 - iii. Necessary inference, *vv. 7-10*
 - iv. They pleased God, *v. 28*
3. Old saying, "God said it, I believe it, and that settles it." Updated version, "God said it, we voted on it, and now it is in committee."
4. Some examples among denominations: Homosexuality, women priests, when one is saved, living in adultery.
5. Even among Christians and the church we see the trend to out vote God. Organization of the church, being afraid of "splitting the church," not the right time to do what the Bible says, etc.
6. What happens when modern man out votes God?

Conclusion:

Remember Kadesh Barnea! **1 Thess. 2.13**