



DYING IN THE WILDERNESS (PT. 1 of 2)

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READ **NUMBERS 14:26-35** FIRST!

Every Christian who is familiar with the Bible knows the story of Moses leading the Israelites out of Egypt. When I was reading the Bible today, I saw a passage of what the Lord God said to Moses in **NUMBERS 14:27-35**. When I read these verses before, I just felt the wrath of God against the Israelites. And then I was led to **ROMANS 1:18-20**. What the people were demonstrating then is the same as today. Unrighteousness! Therefore, the Lord poured out His judgment.

Because some Israelites complained to God over and over again, God finally became angry and let the Israelites wander in the wilderness for forty years until those who complained against Him died in the wilderness. After all of these people died, God asked Joshua to lead the rest of Israelites into Canaan.

From this, we can see that God's disposition was righteous and firm. But I never saw it as a warning for myself, nor did I ponder God's will. Today after I saw the above passage of God's words, I had a new understanding and understood how it applies to us today.

When they encountered situations, they didn't like, they began to complain that God should not let them be in such environments, thinking that since God led them out of Egypt, then everything should be well-arranged so that they could be at ease.

So, when things were at odds with their desires, they felt aggrieved, and complained against God, and even when they heard the news that it was not easy to enter Canaan, they wanted to abandon God and return to Egypt. The Israelites believed in God just to gain grace and wanted God to satisfy their flesh. And unfortunately, we are the same today. Next week we will look at a passage where God warns those who are ungrateful.

SCRIPTURE READING: NUMBERS 26:65

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "Stand before "His" grave and use your gift of breath to complain of your limited time. If you dare."