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Number 14:33, *“And your children shall wander in the wilderness forty years, and bear your whoredoms, until your carcasses be wasted in the wilderness.”*

The children of Israel were punished for their sins and caused to wander in the wilderness for forty years. The LORD had given them the land of Canaan if they would simply go in and inhabit it. Joshua and Caleb returned with a good report and said they could take the land. Ten spies were afraid and the people sided with them. Due to this, they were turned away from the land of Canaan wandered about for a total of forty years. All those above twenty years old died during this time and only Joshua and Caleb were permitted to enter.

If they had only gone on in and taken the land, the LORD had everything ready for them. There was so much abundance in the land waiting for them. We are told in Numbers 13:23, *“And they came unto the brook of Eshcol, and cut down from thence a branch with one cluster of grapes, and they bare it between two upon a staff; and [they brought] of the pomegranates, and of the figs.”*

They were fearful and turned back and spent forty years just

wandering about and never were able to obtain the land of Canaan. They missed out on this abundances the LORD had waiting for them.

The thought of a forty year time frame has been on my mind this past week. It was forty years ago in 1978 that I graduated from high school. It was forty years ago this past Thursday, August 23, that I left home to enter Freed-Hardeman College.

Have I been aimlessly wandering in the wilderness these past forty years? Or have I been actively heading toward spiritual Canaan—Heaven. We need to each ask that of ourselves. Have the years of our lives thus far been spent wandering aimlessly or heading toward Heaven? If the LORD permits us to live, what will our future years be—wandering or serving the LORD?

The children of Israel were still blessed during this forty years of wandering. The LORD provided them with mana to eat. Their clothing and shoes did not wear out during this time. But, they missed the best blessings of all by not going on and entering Canaan.

We might be very successful in life with a career and school, but if the things we do are not for the LORD, we are simply wandering in the wilderness of life. We will wander aimlessly all of our days and miss out on the land of Canaan—Heaven.

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Deuteronomy 4:21, *“Furthermore the LORD was angry with me for your sakes, and sware that I should not go over Jordan, and that I should not go in unto that good land, which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance.”*

Only Joshua and Caleb were permitted to enter the land of Canaan. Even Moses himself was not permitted to enter. In Numbers 20 the

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News

—Continue to remember **Jean Coffey, Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, Shirley Parson, and Erin Davis. Leon Seaton**, the father of Steve Seaton has lung cancer. **Frances Kidd**, the mother of Vicki McDaniel, was recently admitted to the nursing home in Horse Cave.

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LORD had told Moses to speak to the rock to get water from it. He added to what the LORD had told him to do by striking the rock. The LORD told Moses in Numbers 20:12, *“And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron, Because ye believed me not, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them.”*

Deuteronomy 32:50-51, *“⁵¹Because ye trespassed against me among the children of Israel at the waters of Meribah-Kadesh, in the wilderness of Zin; because ye sanctified me not in the midst of the children of Israel. ⁵²Yet thou shalt see the land before [thee]; but thou shalt not go thither unto the land which I give the children of Israel.”* Moses missed out on the land of Canaan because of this one sin. Let us never underestimate how powerful sin is. One sin can cause us to miss Heaven if that sin is not repented of and forgiven.

Moses asked the LORD to let him go into Canaan. Deuteronomy 3:25-26, *“²⁵I pray thee, let me go over, and see the good land that [is] beyond Jordan, that goodly mountain, and Lebanon. ²⁶But the LORD was wroth with me for your sakes, and would not hear me: and the LORD said unto me, Let it suffice thee; speak no more unto me of this matter.”* The LORD would not let Moses enter Canaan and told Moses to not speak any more of this matter.

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Sunday, August 19, 2018		
Classes	17	Hebrews 2:9-15
Preaching	28	Psalms 1:1-6
Contribution	\$671.35	
Evening	14	Zechariah 14:1-21
Wednesday, August 22, 2018		
Classes	16	I Chronicles 7:1-40

Visitors— Aug 19 (PM) Margret Sandidge (Hardyville, KY)

Bible Quiz

The LORD said in that day, what type of waters would go out of Jerusalem?

Last Week’s Answer— Stone (Zechariah 12:3)

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There is no doubt that Moses went to Heaven after his death. He appeared on the mountain with Jesus and Elijah when Jesus was transfigured. Let this event in the life of Moses show how even one sin can cause so many problems here, and if not repented of and forgiven, will cause us to miss Heaven.

—Marty Edwards❖

—God’s Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)