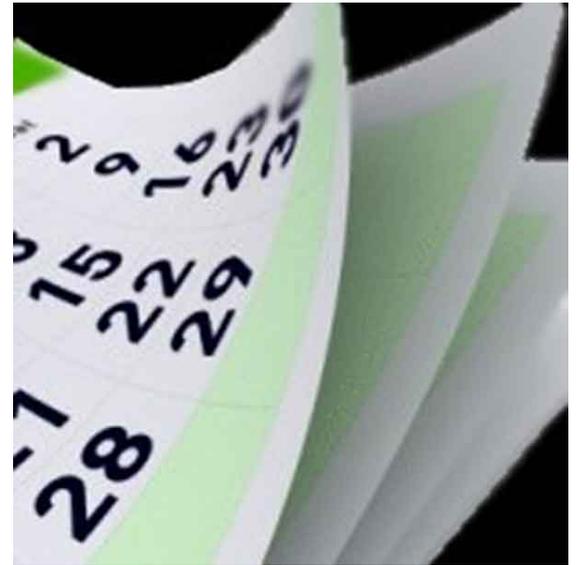


"And they returned from searching of the land After Forty Days."
Numbers 13:25 KJV

Numbers in Scripture enlighten us. The number four represents trial or testing and the number ten, earthly domains. Thus forty, four times ten, represents earthly trial or testing. Israel had been delivered from Egypt's bondage and had come to the "Promised Land." (Canaan) Twelve spies reconnoitered it for forty days. Upon return, the report leaned heavily to the negative. Ten said, "We came unto the land whither thou sentest us, and surely it floweth with milk and honey; and this is the fruit of it. Nevertheless the cities are walled. They are stronger than we. And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers." The other two, Joshua and Caleb, said, "Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it." Two trusted the God of their deliverance – ten saw only the giants. This parallels the believer's experience after deliverance from the bondage of sin. We learn God's Laws, follow obediently, learn the dangers of doubting God, and just as we are about to conquer besetting sin in our life, we have conflicting thoughts concerning victory. Don't look at the problems, look to the Promiser! Don't look at giants of impossibilities, look to the God of ALL possibilities! Don't look at the multitude of sins, look to the Majesty of Singular Grace! The ability to conquer the giants of sin is not dependent upon our capabilities, but upon God's Immutability. "If we believe not, yet He Abideth Faithful: He Cannot Deny Himself." Jesus said, "Without Me, ye can do nothing." Satan magnifies our own frailty and convinces us we cannot conquer sin, and he's 100% right! **BUT...** "I can do all things Through Christ which strengtheneth me. If God Be For us, who can be against us? Who shall separate us from the Love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors Through Him That Loved us. Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the Love of God, Which Is In Christ Jesus our Lord." We must believe God's Word and let the Blessed Holy Spirit Convince us of the Omnipotence of our Victorious Lord Who Promised us Victory! "Are ye so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?"



A friend I have called Jesus, Whose love is strong and true,
And never fails howe'er 'tis tried, no matter what I do;
I sinned against this love of His, but when I knelt to pray,
Confessing all my guilt to Him, the sin-clouds rolled away. –Edna Worrell

Israel believed the "evil report" and was cursed to roam the desert forty more years until all the unbelievers were dead. When we doubt God's Grace And Promise we are cursed to roam the deserts of trial and tribulation until all the dross of unbelief has been purged from our Faith. "Thanks be to God, Which Giveth us the Victory Through our Lord Jesus Christ, and This Is The Victory that overcometh the world, even our Faith. Faith Cometh by hearing...the Word of God." When Satan causes you to think, "I can't do it!" he's right, but you're not doing it! "It Is God Which Worketh In you both to Will and to Do!" Jesus never fails, "for with God, nothing shall be impossible!" Don't look at the tempest and listen to the tempter! Don't trust yourself – trust your God! "Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly – meditate Therein day and night – pray without ceasing." Not taking God's Word with you into your daily life is going unarmed into deadly battle – foolishness of the highest order!

"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that Is Set before us, Looking unto Jesus The Author And Finisher of our Faith; Who for the Joy That Was Set Before Him Endured the cross, Despising the shame, and Is Set Down At The Right Hand of The Throne of God."
Hebrews 12:1-2 KJV