

to do for Him. O praise God if the work is only held back 7 days when we fall in some way or other, but Oh how often it is held back far more than that and greatly upset. How many a man who has done tremendous work for God is then carried away by personal pride, personal desire for advantage of one sort ~~or~~ or another and perhaps the great work that he has done to a large extent disappears because he has allowed self to take the place that God should have in his life. Now we go on to

VII The Spying and Its Consequences 13:1-15:31. Under this

A. The Spying Ordered. vs. 1,2.

1. The Importance of Getting Information. That is very important in the Lord's work. God led the people with a pillar of cloud and of fire. God could simply have said come this way. Move ahead this way. That's it. And sometimes when you are faced with problems and you don't know the answer to them, you don't know what ~~the~~ to do, Oh how you ~~wish~~ wish that perhaps you were just an automaton. God would press a button and you would go this way; press another button and you'd go this way. He would just lead you at each step and you wouldn't even have to think about it. But God doesn't want us to be that way. God wants us to be thinking beings who use our brains and who become developed to be ~~of~~ such that we can really accomplish things in His work. And so He ^{.. gives} ~~gives~~ us an illustration of this by the fact that though He knew all about the land of Canaan. He knew every detail of it, He ordered Moses to send these ^{up into the land} man to go up through the land, to go through the length and breadth of it and to get the information about it. The importance ~~about~~ of getting information. How often bad mistakes are made simply because we fail to get sufficient information before setting out on a certain course; before undertaking something that God wants us to do. Oh how often people put in days or weeks of hard work in a certain direction and then they find there is a blank wall ahead of them; they cannot make progress in that direction. There is something that they could have found out if they had only investigated in the first place. And some other direction would be the direction in which they could have accomplished for God. God wants us to get the information we need in connection with every phase of His ~~work~~ work. You get a great deal of information in seminary, but