

They lacked -- they showed the unbelief that wrecks the life for God. Heb. 3:19 - "So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief." This book by Kauffman I have been reading lately, he's - it's called THE FAITH OF A HERETIC. The word heretic really doesn't fit, but it's the faith/^{of}one that does not accept the views of any of the established religions today. It says on the cover, What Shall I Believe? How Shall I Live? What Shall I HOpe? Well you go through the book and you find he believe nothing and you find he has no hope. But how shall I live? I think it's like the man I knew who was a student with me at Princeton Seminary, and after he graduated he intended to go as a missionary. And then he found that he had had doubts instilled in his mind in college which he had not gotten rid of. Doubts sufficient that he could not sign the creed of absolute belief in the word of God which they desired. So he went & got a Ph.D. in history and was head of the history department in a state college in the middle west, and I talked with him and I said What do you believe now? He said, I believe nothing now. ^{said} He/all we can do is to have a position of unyielding despair; a firm foundation of unyielding despair he said. And the poor fellow. There are so many like that. You read Kauffmann's book, beautifully written. Wonderful logic in so many places. So much in it that is helpful. But he quotes Paul that love believeth all things, hopeth all things. He says, No you can't believe anything and there's nothing to hope for. But you should have love and you should have courage and you should go forward, and you should live a life that really counts. But counts for what? He has nothing, no faith. But because of unbelief these men could not enter in. Belief is not just, We know these things are true. It is a conviction, it is a firm thorough confidence. It is a conviction that we can say, Woe is me if I preach not the gospel. A conviction that is so basic in our lives, that faced suddenly with something like the Israelites were with these terrible words of the spies about the awful dangers ahead, we don't just turn aside. That we do not facing a sudden unexpected emergency make the wrong turn as they did and then find no place of repentance. We must be like those described in Heb. 11:27 where he speaks of Moses and he says; My faith he forsook Egy. not fearing the wrath of the king, for he endured as seeing Him who is invisible. Do you see Him? Do you so thoroughly know the reality of the unseen that the seen slips into secondary position in proportion, in