

Or did God bring them up there and have the spies go in and bring back their report as a test ¹/₂ in order to determine what God ought to do in the situation? Well I don't think that any Calvinist believes that it was either one of these two. I believe that any Calvinist would say the third possibility was certainly more possible, more probable, that it was simply a means of making obvious the necessity of a decision already made. I think it is very important that we think about some of these matters and see their relation to our whole outlook on life. The Scripture does not give us all the facts of the Universe. I think one of the most wonderful things that God has made is the human body. Medical men and scientists have learned tremendous amounts about the human body in the last 50 yrs., but when you look at what's been discovered in the last 50 yrs. you just wonder what good doctors were at all before that time, because there are so many things that are almost matters of common knowledge today in ordinary doing that 50 yrs. ago nobody had ever heard of or dreamed of. And 150 yrs. ago it was unknown there was such a thing as germs. The germ origin of disease was utterly unknown. The idea of disinfectants was utterly unknown, 150 yrs ago, less than that I think. The advances that have been made are tremendous. Our knowledge is many many times what it was before and yet the really basic things about what makes the body ~~work~~ function, why do ourselves work the way they do, are basic ^{un-}problems that are completely known today. We have learned tremendous amounts about the human body in the last 50 yrs. but I don't think we have learned 100th of what would be necessary if we really understood it the way God understands it. That is true of most every field of thought, every field of science, of investigation. And yet you will find many people who seem to think you can take the Bible and go to it and you will get the answer to all the problems of life and a complete ^{understanding} ~~understanding~~ of the human. And that is the reason why people in philosophy and religion set to work to make complete systems. They think out of their head they can get the complete answer to everything. Or they think that ^{if} they are Christians who believe the Bible is God's Word that out of God's Word they can get the answer to everything. And I'm not sure that our mind has the capability of understanding everything, but I am sure in addition to that that no one of us has access to the tiniest -- to more than the tiniest portion