

shall die in the wilderness. You shall wander there 40 yrs., a yr. for every day -- of the 40 days that the spies were in the land, that is absolutely true, but that is not the whole story. It is entirely true, it is a sufficient reason for what God did but it is not the only reason. God knew the sin of the people before he ever took them out of Egypt. God knew what was necessary in order to fit them for going into the land. So while it is absolutely true that they were punished for their sins, it is equally true that it was God's intention from the first that that generation should not go in and there were other sufficient and satisfactory reasons why they should not go in. God determined this, but God worked it out in such a way that it should be perfectly evident that God was dealing justly and right with them. Now God does not always make it evident in everything in our lives that He is dealing justly and rightly with us, but He wants us to know Him well enough to have confidence in Him, that He is dealing justly and rightly with us and that there are reasons that we do not know of for the way He deals with us. God may use one person as a tremendous instrument to accomplish a tremendous work for God and his name becomes known all over the world. And he accomplishes tremendous things and he is described in our books of church history and praised for the great things that he has done. And may use another individual in a period when the darkness is closing in in a certain area. He may use him to hold back these forces of evil. He may use him with apparently very little result shown from what he is doing but doing some-
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thing that in God's economy is just as important as what was done by the one who stepped out in a time when things were opening up and when the darkness was being moved away and did the tremendous work. God knows which one has done the great work. God knows which one is most deserving of praise, and we can know that in the course of eternity God deals justly with all people but we can -- we do not need to expect that in this life the justice of God's dealings will be made immediately apparent. We know that He has great and good reasons for all that He does and one of His great desires is that we should learn to trust Him. Learn to study the word and try to understand as much as possible of His doings and of the reasons for it. Learn to understand as much as you can of God's truth, and you'll spend your whole life or several life times studying it. There's still will be a great deal that can be secured from the Bible that you will not have secured. But learn to