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AN EVIL REPORT

If you have studied the word of God at all, or listened to preached messages, then you will recall the story of the twelve spies in Numbers 13 that they were told to go into the land of Canaan and spy it out. God had told Moses he was giving the children of Israel this land. It was a gift from God.

The spies went in and ten came back full of fear and gave an evil report about all the problems in the land, including giants, and many enemies. They were convinced that even though God said it was theirs and would be with them, that they could not take the land.

In Numbers 13:32 it said, ***“And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched....”***

This evil report cost the Israelites 40 years in the wilderness. God said none of the men over twenty would go into the promised land and would die in the wilderness, and it happened.

An evil report put them into bondage, and it will put you in bondage too if you speak it. How? Well, if the Word of God says that by the stripes of Jesus you are healed, and you confess that you are not, then that is an evil report. Speaking negatively over yourself is an evil report. Speaking negatively over others is an evil report.

We must speak what the Word of God says. We must walk by faith and not by sight. If we do not, we can end up just like the ten spies, and not receive the promises that God has for us. We must make a choice to change our words. We must trust God and his promises more than what we see with the natural eye. Do not let an evil report come out of your lips.