

“Face Palm Follies” (7)

**“...If you are not firm in faith, you will not be firm at all.”
(Isaiah 7:9)**

Undermining Unbelief

Numbers 13:27-29, 14:1-4 – ²⁷“And they told him, ‘We came to the land to which you sent us. It flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit.

²⁸However, the people who dwell in the land are strong, and the cities are fortified and very large. And besides, we saw the descendants of Anak there.

²⁹The Amalekites dwell in the land of the Negeb. The Hittites, the Jebusites, and the Amorites dwell in the hill country. And the Canaanites dwell by the sea, and along the Jordan.’ ¹Then all the congregation raised a loud cry, and the people wept that night. ²And all the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron. The whole congregation said to them, ‘Would that we had died in the land of Egypt! Or would that we had died in this wilderness! ³Why is the LORD bringing us into this land, to fall by the sword? Our wives and our little ones will become a prey. Would it not be better for us to go back to Egypt?’ ⁴And they said to one another, ‘Let us choose a leader and go back to Egypt.’”

Hebrews 3:10-14 – ¹⁰“Therefore I was provoked with that generation, and said, ‘They always go astray in their heart; they have not known my ways.’

¹¹As I swore in my wrath, ‘They shall not enter my rest.’ ¹²Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. ¹³But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. ¹⁴For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end.”

David’s Drift

1 Samuel 17:31-32 – ³¹“When the words that David spoke were heard, they repeated them before Saul, and he sent for him. ³²And David said to Saul, ‘Let no man’s heart fail because of him. Your servant will go and fight with this Philistine.’”

1 Samuel 17:45-47 – ⁴⁵“Then David said to the Philistine, ‘You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head. And I will give the dead bodies of the host of the Philistines this day to the birds of the air and to the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, ⁴⁷and that all this assembly may know that the LORD saves not with sword and spear. For the battle is the LORD’s, and he will give you into our hand.”

1 Chronicles 21:1-4 – ¹ “Then Satan stood against Israel and incited David to number Israel. ²So David said to Joab and the commanders of the army, ‘Go, number Israel, from Beersheba to Dan, and bring me a report, that I may know their number.’ ³But Joab said, ‘May the LORD add to his people a hundred times as many as they are! Are they not, my lord the king, all of them my lord’s servants? Why then should my lord require this? Why should it be a cause of guilt for Israel?’ ⁴But the king’s word prevailed against Joab. So Joab departed and went throughout all Israel and came back to Jerusalem.”

The Look of Faith

Micah 7:5-8 – ⁵ “Put no trust in a neighbor; have no confidence in a friend; guard the doors of your mouth from her who lies in your arms; ⁶for the son treats the father with contempt, the daughter rises up against her mother, the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; a man’s enemies are the men of his own house. ⁷But as for me, I will look to the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me. ⁸Rejoice not over me, O my enemy; when I fall, I shall rise; when I sit in darkness, the LORD will be a light to me.”

Upward Throw

Psalms 55:22 – “Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved.

1 Peter 5:6-7 – ⁶“Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.”