

Report Card

Part One - Whose Report Will You Believe?

Isaiah 53:1

Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

1. Will we believe God's report?

2 Corinthians 1:20

For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God.

2. Has the arm of the Lord been revealed to me?

Romans 8:23

Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else?

On the threshold of the promise land, we generate reports of our own.

Numbers 13:17-20

When Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan, he told them, "Go up through the Negev and into the hill country. 18 See what the land is like and whether its people are strong or weak, few or many. 19 Is the land where they live good or bad? Are the cities where they dwell open camps or fortifications? 20 Is the soil fertile or unproductive? Are there trees in it or not? Be courageous and bring back some of the fruit of the land." (It was the season for the first ripe grapes.)

Every day we get reports that differ with what God's promise declares.

2 Corinthians 4:18

So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Three Things to Know About a Bad Report

- 1. No one remembers the name of the spies with a bad report.**
- 2. Bad reports come from those with a grasshopper mentality.**

Proverbs 23:7

For as he thinks in his heart, so is he...

3. You don't need spies unless you believe in lies.

John 8:44

(Satan) was a murderer from the beginning. He has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies.