

Longing for Egypt

Numbers 14:3-4

Intro: The tragedy of a wasted opportunity!

“Turn back, turn back oh time in thy flight, I thought
of the comeback I needed last night!

***Text: Missed opportunity – many paid.

The Hebrew children had gone to the edge of the promised
Land. The people became frightened and discouraged and
Began to murmur against Aaron and Moses

“Let us go back to Egypt.”

****truth: They were meant for the Promised Land!

They stood at the edge of it!

They decided that it would be better to go back than
to go forward.

Their reasons are often our reasons.

***We long for Egypt because we’re too
frightened to go forward.

--The advanced scouts said “A land of milk and honey.”

-It Would be a difficult land to settle. Too much work required.

-Anaks! Giants. We would be like grasshoppers to them.

-TOO much fear!

-WE fear? Communism, nuclear war, pollution,

-Why fear? Giants, they can't be defeated.

---- God brought Them here

-----God is here – He can beat the Giants DAVID 1 –GOLIATH-0

-----Faith conquers fear.

-----faith is the victory

******* WE LONG FOR EGYPT BECAUSE WE'VE FORGOTTEN WHAT
EGYPT WAS LIKE.**

--Everyone was saying "Remember Egypt" --- They didn't!

**-Agonizing slavery cruelty They were willing to their sell
their souls for security!**

-----We worship nostalgia

Collect relicts of the past

Listen to the golden oldies

Revise our histories

-----Good old days! What good old days

In the last 125 years 4 wars and many years of military actions

The depression of the 1930s

Rise and fall of the SBC-

BUT

-----Today could be the best day ever - FAITH

Not the time in which WE live but the faith in which we live!

The God who led them out of Egypt leads us today.

-Out of Egypt and despair into the joy of abundant life.

******* We long for Egypt BECAUSE we don't
have the commitment to go forward.**

The Hebrew children didn't take the Promised Land because they didn't want to pay the price for it. Not easy.

It would mean work, difficulties, and dangers!

They wanted God to deliver them from slavery and provide

For them in the wilderness with no problems

God said, "You can have the promised land if you want it, but you have to want it. It has got to be your life given commitment. You must give your life to it.

WE WANT THE PROMISED LAND, WITH MILK AND HONEY, GIVEN TO US ON A SILVER PLATTER. WE WANT CHRISTIAN HOMES, CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES, AND A GOOD CHURCH.

BUT REMEMBER-----

"IF ANY MAN WILL COME AFTER ME, LET HIM DENY HIMSELF. TAKE UP HIS CROSS DAILY AND FOLLOW AFTER ME. FOR IF YOU LOSE YOUR LIFE FOR MY SAKE, YOU WILL FIND IT."

**CONCLUSION: HEBREWS MISSED THEIR CHANCE,
DON'T MISS YOURS!**