

# **The dead-wrong majority!!**

(releasing the power of God's  
promise to PROVIDE)

# Common Reality

"People prefer the **security of known misery** to the misery of unfamiliar insecurity."

--Sheldon Kopp

# What is your “world view”?

"Your **world view** will determine everything about you and the choices you make.

We are creatures of habit and our **world view** defines—and controls—our habits as well as our path through life.

Therefore, what you have been conditioned with in life will become your life script until you are empowered to change it."

--Virginia Satir (1974)

**(Christians are empowered by Grace)**

# Belief ABOUT God

"**HOW** you believe about GOD will determine how you live and who you will become."

--Mark Batterson, author  
("In a Pit with a Lion on a Snowy Day")

**CAN GOD BE TRUSTED?**

# The majority can be wrong!!

## Can humans trust God?

The 10 Spies:

8: We **cannot** prevail (80%)

2: We **can** accomplish the impossible (20%)

**The majority is not always right!**

# TWO WORLD VIEWS

Human Nature: **SURVIVE**

(Trust what you can touch)

Spiritual Nature: **THRIVE**

(**GOD is in control**—no matter what!!)

**“No one has seen God.” I Jn. 4:12**

**“To achieve the impossible,  
you must believe and trust  
the invisible.”**

**--Dr. John NOË, Theologian**

# GOD demands OBEDIENCE

*“For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.*

*Today, if you will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as in the days of Massah in the wilderness:*

*When your fathers tested Me, they tried Me, **though they had seen my work.***

*For forty years I loathed that generation, and I said they are a people who err in their heart, and, they do not know My ways.*

*Therefore, I swore in My anger, truly **they shall not enter into my rest.**” Ps. 95: 7-11*

# The Majority received their reward

Psalm 78:41

"They turned their backs on God and limited the Holy One of Israel."

(They could not enter the promised land  
because of UNBELIEF with their CARNAL mind)

The spies "robbed" them of their inheritance?

God's one requirement:

The promised **provision** of God  
comes **ONLY** with **OBEDIENCE** to  
His promise.

Too many Christians  
live beneath their  
**BLESSINGS. Unbelief**  
**hinders God.**

Spiritual leadership is not based on the  
**NEGATIVE** aspects of life....!

Your **Spiritual worldview** depends on  
HOW you view the provision of God  
for His people.

# Consider the Exodus

**Promise:** I will supply your needs

**Power:** I can supply what I promise

**Provision:** The Exodus proves it..!!

# The PROMISE

PROMISE: I will provide

They could not believe the promise.

Their mindset focused on the "fleshpots of Egypt."

(they wanted *predictable* garbage)

# The POWER: I can deliver

## **POWER:**

They shunned the POWER of God.

--Cloud by day

--Pillar of fire by night

The **invisible POWER** of God

II Kings 6:17...Chariots....(**Army of God that prevailed**)

**Gideon:** God's 300 vs. 135,000 of the World

**Josephus:**

AD 70 Destruction of Temple (Chariots in the heavens)

# The Promised **PROVISION**

## PROVISION:

They could not TRUST the Promised PROVISION of God....

BUT, **God provided** the Manna and the "streams in the desert" to honor the Faith of Moses and his determination to honor God.

# The Census of Number 1

Consider the impact of it all:

Census: (Numbers 1)

Young men--20+ able to go to war for Israel

**Total: 603,350 (of the 12 tribes)**

# Population of the EXODUS

**Population:**

**3,000,000+**

**(over a 400 year span  
of slavery in Egypt)**

Gaining a perspective:

God's POWER to PROVIDE

His Promised PROVISION

(Data from the U.S. Army

Quarter Master.....2005)

# FOOD

1. FOOD: 1,500 TONS Daily

(Freight train 2 miles long)

# WATER

2. WATER: 11,000,000

gallons

(Freight train 1,800 miles  
long)

DAILY

# WOOD

3. WOOD: 4,000 Tons DAILY  
--cooking, warmth at night  
  
(Freight train 2 miles long)

# WHAT does it take???

These things were *seen*,  
*used and consumed* DAILY,  
but they still did not

TRUST or BELIEVE in what  
God had promised.....!

Etc.

Can you imagine?

**Sanitation issues (human and animals)**

**The camp site had to be 750 square miles**

# The problem of HUMAN NATURE

HOW could they miss the truth of God's PLAN?

They still had **SLAVE MENTALITY**.

They were enslaved/conditioned to "**predictable garbage**" and the crumbs from Pharaoh's table when God provided a MIRACLE in the Wilderness.

**They preferred the (false) security of their known misery in Egypt and resisted the PROMISE of God.  
(THEY LIMITED GOD—and themselves!)**

# What about US???

Today, we are **seduced** by trying to **survive**...our Human Nature.

We cannot discern the power of God's promised provision because we cannot perceive by Faith what God will provide for His people.

# THE Scripture

1 Cor. 2:14

"The carnal person (i.e. Human Nature) cannot discern the things of God because they are thought to be foolishness--neither can that person receive the works of God because they are *Spiritually discerned*."

(We are in the same boat!!)

# Our Dilemma

We are seduced by a culture of **entitlement**--we think we deserve to be provided for by government and everyone else and not our own efforts-----

(or, so it seems for too many of us).

# A **redeemed** world view is critical

"When we cling to the world that is touchable, we cannot discern what God has in store for us that can't be touched. ***We are called by Grace to lose our slave mentality*** for the things of the carnal world. Unfortunately, we can be seduced away from God's Reality by an **unredeemed** Human Nature."

--quoted from "God's Reality"

# Carnal Problem and **Spiritual** Solution

## Problem:

Seduction by **Slave Mentality**

## Solution:

Follow Divine Leadership

# Jesus defines our “calling”

John 10:27

"My sheep **hear** my voice, and I **know them**, and **they follow Me.**"

The Alpine shepherds:

**Do you know God's SONG...??**