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**Sufficiency of Christ
(He Is More Than Enough)**

Key Scripture for this Series:

2 Corinthians 3:4-5 *And we have such trust through Christ toward God. 5 Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God,*

Psalm 121:1-8

1 I will lift up my eyes to the hills—from whence comes my help? 2 My help comes from the Lord, Who made heaven and earth. 3 He will not allow your foot to be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber. 4 Behold, He who keeps Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. 5 The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand. 6 The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. 7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; He shall preserve your soul. 8 The Lord shall preserve your going out and your coming in from this time forth, and even forevermore.

PSALM OF ASSURANCE THAT GOD IS OUR DEFENDER AND OUR HELP:

1. We are to speak aloud to **remind** ourselves that God is our **Helper**.
 - a. Psalm 121:1-2 *I will lift up my eyes to the hills—from whence comes my help? 2 My help comes from the Lord, Who made heaven and earth.*
2. The Holy Spirit speaks to **comfort** us that God is our **Keeper**.
 - a. Psalm 121:3-4 *He will not allow your foot to be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber. 4 Behold, He who keeps Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.*
3. The Holy Spirit speaks to **convince** us that God is our **Protector**.
 - a. Psalm 121:5-6 *The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand. 6 The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.*
4. The Holy Spirit speaks to **confirm** to us that God is our **Preserver**.
 - a. Psalm 121:7-8 *The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; He shall preserve your soul. 8 The Lord shall preserve your going out and your coming in from this time forth, and even forevermore.*

ILLUSTRATION FROM NUMBERS 13-14:

Numbers 13:1-2 *And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Send men to spy out the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the children of Israel; from each tribe of their fathers you shall send a man, every one a leader among them."*

Numbers 13:27-28 *Then they told him, and said: "We went to the land where you sent us. It truly flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit. 28 Nevertheless the people who dwell in the land are strong; the cities are fortified and very large; moreover we saw the descendants of Anak there.*

1. Where does a negative view come from? **Flesh**.
 - a. Numbers 13:27b *...It truly flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit.*

- b. Numbers 13:28 *NEVERTHELESS, the people who dwell in the land are strong; the cities are fortified and very large; moreover we saw the descendants of Anak there.*
2. In the midst of promise, will we allow **unbelief** and **discouragement** to affect what we actually do?
- a. Numbers 13:30-33 *Then Caleb quieted the people before Moses, and said, "Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are well able to overcome it." 31 But the men who had gone up with him said, "We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we." 32 And they gave the children of Israel a bad report of the land which they had spied out, saying, "The land through which we have gone as spies is a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people whom we saw in it are men of great stature. 33 There we saw the giants (the descendants of Anak came from the giants); and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight."*
 - b. Numbers 14:4 *So they said to one another, "Let us select a leader and return to Egypt."*
 - c. Numbers 14:10 *And all the congregation said to stone them with stones. Now the glory of the LORD appeared in the tabernacle of meeting before all the children of Israel.*

WHAT DOES GOD EXPECT US TO DO?

1. God expects us to take a **look** at the promise for **ourselves**.
 - a. Numbers 13:2 (the Lord said this) *"Send men to spy out the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the children of Israel; from each tribe of their fathers you shall send a man, every one a leader among them."*
2. God expects us, when other people are involved, to take a **stand** and **intercede** for God's promise.
 - a. Numbers 14:5-7 *Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the children of Israel. 6 But Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had spied out the land, tore their clothes; 7 and they spoke to all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying: "The land we passed through to spy out is an exceedingly good land."*
3. God expects us to know that we can **yield** to His **will**.
 - a. Numbers 14:8-9a *If the LORD delights in us, then He will bring us into this land and give it to us, 'a land which flows with milk and honey.' 9 Only do not rebel against the LORD, nor fear the people of the land...*
4. God expects us to not allow **fear** to get in our way of **obeying** Him.
 - a. Numbers 14:9 *Only do not rebel against the LORD, nor fear the people of the land, for they are our bread; their protection has departed from them, and the LORD is with us. Do not fear them."*
 - b. The report of Joshua and Caleb is right in the **heart** of the **will** of God. These men are looking to **God's** sufficiency rather than **man's** self-sufficiency.