them that provoked me see it."

Dr. A. B. Simpson warned and exhorted Christians not to substitute doing something good for doing the Will of God, and to be true and faithful to all of God's Word. To do so is to fail and refuse to do the Will of God. This practice is in some respects a more effective opposition to the Gospel of the Kingdom than open opposition. Passive resistance and lukewarmness is the most difficult opposition to deal with. Lukewarmness, relative to the Word of God, is so disgusting to the Lord that He spues the Laodicean church out of His mouth.

In Numbers 32 Moses referred to what is written in Numbers 13 and 14. Read this chapter carefully and note especially verses 6, 13 and 15. This chapter contains some very timely admonition for those who have been given light on the Gospel of the Kingdom and the Israel truth. The failure recorded in chapters 13 and 14 of Numbers is used as a warning throughout the Scriptures for those who neglect to take an open and public stand for the truth and the light the Holy Spirit has given them from the Scriptures.

How different the decision of "all the congregation" might have been if the ten men who had searched the promised land had supported and identified themselves with Joshua and Caleb. The failure and the refusal of the congregation to accept and act on the Gospel of the Kingdom is summed up in verses 35 through 37 of Numbers 14. The whole congregation was sentenced to wander in the wilderness for forty years, and "there they shall die."

The ten men who had seen the kingdom land, but refused to support and be identified with Joshua and Caleb, "died by the plague before the Lord." "But Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, which were of the men that went to search the land, lived still." (verse 38) Apparently, the Lord considered the ten men who had seen the kingdom land more guilty than the congregation who had not seen the promised land.

Due to the failure of the ten men to take an open and public stand on the Gospel of the Kingdom, "all this evil congregation" was consumed and died in the wilderness. For more than forty years the nations of Christendom who are Israel, God's earthly kingdom people, have been in a wilderness and millions of young lives have been sacrificed to mammon. And our nation has been robbed of billions of dollars to build up world communism and the antichrists. We are now in an economic wilderness that would destroy this nation, if God did not intervene.

There is just one reason for the terrible wilderness that the nations of Christendom have been in since 1913 and that is the fact that the congregation, both clergy and laity, have rejected and despised the Gospel of the Kingdom. And too many who have been given light on the Gospel of the Kingdom and the Israel truth have brought up "an evil report" by putting their light under a bushel or under a bed. If the Christians in this kingdom nation, who in the providence of God have been given and entrusted with the Gospel of the Kingdom, would support this truth and light, it would be a simple matter to persuade congregations concerning the Israel truth and the Gospel of the Kingdom.

The Bible prophecies that have been fulfilled in our generation would convince any person with average intelligence that the Anglo-Saxons are Israel, if he could hear these prophecies expounded in the light of history and world events. And the Gospel of the Kingdom is the one and only solution to the distress of nations today. The Gospel of the Kingdom is the one and only way out of the terrible wilderness the nations of Christendom are in today. If this is not true, the Bible is not true.

Joshua and Caleb were spared and rewarded because they followed the Lord "fully." They accepted and acted on truth from God's Word for their time. Their ten companions "loved the praise of men more than the praise of God." (John 12:43)

As human beings we are all influenced more or less by what other people think and say. And as human beings we all desire to be accepted and considered. While this is good and right to a certain extent, it is also an opening for our carnal minds to control and direct our lives. There are many examples of this in the Scriptures. King Saul is one very clear example.

Saul was chosen by God and anointed and instructed by Samuel to be in the vanguard and administer the Gospel of the Kingdom. Few young men in history have had so much in their favor, and the opportunity Saul had. But Bible history shows that Saul was one of the most sad and tragic failures. Saul had an inner weakness, although he was a large and strong man physically. It is evident that Saul had an obsession to please and be accepted by all the people. This gave negative and evil spirits entrance into Saul's mind and decisions. This desire to please and be accepted by people comes forth in Saul's life from beginning to end, and made him a disappointment to God, Samuel, himself and subsequent history.

When Samuel anointed Saul, he instructed him to wait until Samuel came to a designated place to meet Saul. In I Samuel 13, verse 8, we read: "And he tarried seven days, according to the set time that Samuel had appointed: but Samuel came not to Gilgal; and the people were scattered from him."

With this in mind, read verses 11 through 15 in I Samuel 13. Here we have a typical example of how Christian people fail God, and push aside the Gospel of the Kingdom. Saul said, "Because I saw that the people were scattered from me. . . I forced myself therefore, and offered a burnt offering." This is perhaps the most common reason why kingdom people foolishly neglect to be faithful to the Gospel of the Kingdom. Saul forced himself to be engaged in some popular religious activity and thus excused and justified himself in neglecting the Gospel of the Kingdom.

In I Samuel 15, Samuel in obedience to the Lord commanded Saul to administer God's kingdom law upon the Amalekites. "But Saul and the people spared Agag, and the best of the sheep, and of the oxen, and of the fatlings, and the lambs, and all that was good, and would not utterly destroy them: but every thing that was vile and refuse, that they destroyed utterly." When Samuel questioned Saul why he failed to honor the Gospel of the Kingdom, verse 15 gives the answer. Here again, Saul's desire to please the people was his reason for compromising on the Gospel of the Kingdom.

He also used sacrifices as an excuse for not honoring the Gospel of the Kingdom. This is a common practice today. Join in with popular and accepted Christian activities and use that as a substitute for honoring and supporting the Gospel of the Kingdom. Samuel's answer to Saul is given in I Samuel 15:22–23 where we read:

"And Samuel said, Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, He hath also rejected thee from being king."

To use "burnt offering and sacrifices" as an excuse and a substitute for obeying the Gospel of the Kingdom is "rebellion" and "as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry." Can being involved in religious activities, that are accepted as being good, be used as an excuse for not obeying and supporting the Gospel of the Kingdom? Certainly. We need to understand that the whole difference and controversy between Samuel and Saul was the Gospel of the Kingdom. They were both personal believers. They both made burnt offerings, and sacrifices, and they both worshipped God, and prayed to God.

When Samuel anointed Saul to be king, he said the following to Saul: "And the Spirit of the Lord will come upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them, and shalt be turned into another man." (I Samuel 10:6) In verse 9 we read: "And it was so, that when he had turned his back to go from Samuel, God gave him another heart: and all those signs came to pass that day." Saul had a spiritual experience and "God gave him another heart."

In the early part of his administration, Saul honored and observed the Gospel of the Kingdom. But the people who had forced Samuel out of his position as chief executive put religious and political pressure on Saul. This caused Saul to neglect the Gospel of the Kingdom in order to be accepted by the people.

The Gospel of Personal Salvation is the Christian's spiritual armor. The Gospel of the Kingdom is the nation's spiritual armor. When Saul and his nation neglected and rejected the Gospel of the Kingdom, they cast aside the nation's spiritual armor. They cast aside the nation's "shield of faith" and "the helmet of salvation" for the nation's collective mind. They also cast away "the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God," God's Word to and for the nation. Having cast away the nation's spiritual armor, Saul and his administration were unable "to stand against the wiles of the devil" or "to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked." Consequently, evil spirits

This is what has happened to our nation increasingly in recent years. And it is due to the fact that the Christian clergy and their congregations have not only neglected the Gospel of the Kingdom; they have bitterly opposed it and considered it heresy.

Having turned away from the Gospel of the Kingdom, and the wisdom and counsel of God for the nation, Saul was unable to find a solution to the distressing, vexing and threatening problems in the nation. Finally, the only solution for Saul was a suggestion of evil spirits that he commit suicide. At the final judgment, the clergy in Saul's day might have more to answer for than Saul.

If there is no Gospel of the Kingdom in God's Word, why does Bible history give the record of more than fifty civil administrations relating the blessings that come upon the kingdom when the Gospel of the Kingdom was observed and honored: and relating the curses that came upon the nation when the Gospel of the Kingdom was neglected and rejected? Was the apostle Paul mistaken when he wrote Romans 15:4 and I Corinthians 10:11?

In verses 24 through 26 in I Samuel 15 we read the following: "And Saul said unto Samuel, I have sinned: for I have transgressed the commandment of the Lord, and thy words: because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice. Now therefore, I pray thee, pardon my sin, and turn again with me, that I may worship the Lord."

"And Samuel came no more to see Saul until the day of his death: nevertheless Samuel mourned for Saul: and the Lord repented that he had made Saul king over Israel."

All of the Lord's parables were kingdom