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 **Then and Now**

Numbers 14:33-35 And your children shall wander in the wilderness forty years, and bear your whoredoms, until your carcasses be wasted in the wilderness. (34) After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, even forty days, each day for a year, shall ye bear your iniquities, even forty years, and ye shall know my breach of promise. (35) I the LORD have said, I will surely do it unto this entire evil congregation that are gathered together against me: in this wilderness they shall be consumed, and there they shall die. (KJV)

I associate the time of wanderings back then to what I see going on now; that being aptly described in one word, religion. Back then the people bought into half truths and lies, and then decided to run with it, which ended up being the opposite way that our Lord intended. Today many have settled for something other than the truth that would set them free, and they end up wandering around aimlessly in wishy washy doctrines of man that will never get them to the promised land either.

Galatians 3:1-4 O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you? (2) This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? (3) Are ye so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh? (4) Have ye suffered so many things in vain? If it be yet in vain. (KJV)

You know, for a while the enemy was getting his backside kicked around by God through Moses, a man that chose to move forward and not compromise. However, just like today, the children of Israel were no longer much of a threat once they started wandering around on their own according to what they desired and not our Lord. Today many have answered our Lord’s calling for a season; however, that season comes to a screeching halt when they attach their denominational names and beliefs to the doctrine of Christ. They too end up wandering around doing the same empty carnal religious works that are just as dead as the people of Israel ended up in the wilderness.

Colossians 2:8-10 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. (9) For in him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. (10) And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power: (KJV)

I have to throw my two cents worth in on this scripture having just gone through the abomination many call Christmas. It’s one thing to see the world buy into this nonsense, it’s another to see so many lame brain so called Christians drinking the same carnal kool-aid as well. It’s a sad testimony to the Church when you get more truth concerning this ungodly doctrine on You Tube rather than hearing it from the pulpits.

God bless dearly loved and have a prosperous day in Christ Jesus our Lord.