

The OT in the Life of the Believer

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I wish I could hear every one of you speak. I appreciated these two very much indeed and would certainly like to hear all of you. Maybe we could have two every time when I speak I could hear all of you, and I'd surely love to.

Mr. Shaw's experience brings home the fact that in great numbers of churches today the people are getting nothing but hay, wood, and stubble. They are getting nothing that can be helpful in their spiritual lives, and yet those people have something of a longing, most of them, or they wouldn't be there. Of course there are people who go to church simply because their parents did or because they were brought up that way. But a great many of them drop out of the habit. But of the bulk of people that are going to church and are not getting anything, at least a third of them I think have a real hunger for something real. And if there -- anything time there is a chance to give them something I believe that it is marvellous to take advantage of it. I praise God for these two testimonies and I wish that I could hear from all of you. But now we must go back to the book of Num. again, and see what it has to say about our Christian lives and our service for the Lord. And we began to look last time at VII The Sending of the Spies. And under VII we looked at B. The Spies Selected and Commissioned. We saw at the end of the hour that their task was to examine the land, the people, the facilities, its fertility, and that they were not only to bring back word of what they found but that they were to bring back samples. And I think that that is very important that they were ordered to do that and that they did that. There is a very important lesson for ^{of} all/us in that as we endeavor to serve the Lord. Somebody has said that one picture is ~~worth~~ worth 1000 words. Now that is not strictly true, because a picture can easily be misunderstood. There are some things that can be better explained by diagrams, by charts, or by pictures but when it comes to making things clear it is worth a great deal of effort to learn to use words in such a way as to convey definite clear ideas. And it is very vital that we convey clear ideas. And yet in the work of