

# THE GRASSHOPPER COMPLEX

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There were 12 men from Israel  
Sent out to spy The Promised Land!  
Who, on return, were asked to tell -  
Was it a "waste," or was it "grand?"

They showed fine fruits - melons and all -  
"That Land flows with milk and honey -  
But we saw Giants, 9 feet tall -  
We were grasshoppers in their eye!

The Israelites screamed in terror  
On hearing giants ruled the land!  
Caleb tried to show their error:  
"Let's let God lead, He's in Command!"

For 40 years Israel trod  
Through the desert - all faithless died -  
A new generation led by God -  
Conquered the Land which had been denied!

What lesson does their plight teach us  
When we hear tales that cause great fear?  
As grasshoppers do we whine and fuss-  
Or do we believe our God is Near?

Some of the 12 spys brought an evil report of the land:  
"... All the people that we saw in it are men of great stature ... "  
Numbers 13:32 from The King James Bible  
On the Mount of Ascension, Jesus told His Disciples:  
" ... Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the  
world!" Matthew 28:20 from The King James Bible