

SICHA POEM

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The spies gave a scary report when from Eretz Yisrael they did return,
Because to stay in the desert they did yearn,
So that all day Torah they could study,
About material things they wouldn't have to worry.

They described that there were human giants there,
But Kalev refuted their claims and said have no fear,
Hashem will make us victorious for sure,
Like He has done so many times before.

But then the spies continued to speak about giants again,
What were they adding? is Rashi's question.
Although Rashi comes to explain the explanation that is simple,
He has no choice but to give an explanation that seems like a fairytale.

There was another type of giants who were taller than the sun,
From heavenly angels in the days of Enosh they did come.
The angels fell from heaven,
To fix the world was their intention.

But when challenges the angels did face,
It was a lost case.
They couldn't overcome temptation,
For themselves and the world they brought destruction.

These giants were so powerful,
They even survived the Mabul.
If Hashem let them live then,
Who is to say that they wouldn't be defeated again.

There was an even deeper layer to what the spies were saying,
To angels the Yidden they were comparing.
If the darkness on earth angels from heaven couldn't dispel,
Then why would the Yidden think that in this world they could serve Hashem well?

The answer Kalev said loud and clear,
Hashem desires us and a dwelling place down here!
Therefore Hashem gives us even greater power than the angels in the sky,
No nation will ever be able to defeat us no matter how hard they try.

So let's use our power,
And defeat the Yetzer Hora every hour!
Our success is guaranteed from above,
Because Hashem desires us with all His love!
